

Maundy Thursday

April 6, 2023

7:00 p.m.

Prelude *Siciliano* J. S. Bach

Baxter Jennings, Organ; John Fulcher, Piano

Welcome Rev. Dr. Libby Grammer

The Psalter Reading Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19 Dr. Grammer

Call to Worship Rev. Dr. Mike Hatfield

Leader: In the growing darkness we gather, Our Lenten Journey
has brought us here. Jesus, our Teacher and Lord, set before us:

People: A towel, a bowl, bread, a cup.

Leader: He gives us an example and a commandment ever-new:

**People: This is how everyone will know we are his disciples,
when we love each other. (John 13:34-35)**

Invocation & Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses
As we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

*Hymn 478 *My Savior's Love* MY SAVIOR'S LOVE

Old Testament Lesson Exodus 12:1-14 Sherri Lewis
The Word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God.**

*Hymn 442 *O Come to Me, the Master Said* KINGSFOLD

*Gospel Lesson John 13:1-7, 31b-35 William Underwood
The Gospel of our Lord. **Praise be to you, O Christ.**

Anthem *Come Find Forgiveness and Love* Besig/Price
FBC Sanctuary Choir and Martha Hayes, Flute

*Please stand as you are able

Communion

Invitation to the Table Dr. Grammer

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving Dr. Hatfield
Dr. Grammer

Dr. Hatfield: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Dr. Hatfield: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Dr. Hatfield: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Dr. Grammer: You sent your Son Jesus for the healing of the world that we
might learn to follow his life of humility and share in the joy
Of his glorious resurrection. And so we praise you as we say:

**People: Holy, holy, holy Lord. God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)

**Oh, Lord, how well you know our hearts, and still you love us – you have
loved us to the end. We have denied you, and we have denied our calling to
serve on another. We have betrayed you, and we have betrayed your
commandment to love one another. Pour out your Spirit of grace upon us.
Teach us to love and serve you faithfully and to love and serve one another by
the example you have set for us; in your holy name we pray. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

Receiving the Bread and Cup Dr. Grammer
Dr. Hatfield

Service of Water and Towel Rev. David Cameron

*Please come forward to receive communion and remember Christ's call to serve
one another in love. Our ministers will serve you the bread and cup, followed by
offering an opportunity to dip your finger in the bowl of water, remembering Jesus
washing the feet of his disciples, with a gift of a service towel to take home with
you. Pray over your bread and cup, your water and towel, as everyone returns to
their seat. We will then eat the bread and drink the cup together and close with a
benediction and response.*

*The Benediction

Dr. Hatfield

Jesus has set an example for us: to serve others as he has served us, and to love one another as he has loved us. Go and do likewise, so everyone can tell that we are his disciples. And may the Lord bless you in times of trial and in times of rejoicing.

*Response 708

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

DENNIS

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;
the fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

About this Service

The English word *Maundy* for this service is derived through Middle English and Old French *mandé*, from the Latin *mandatum* (also the origin of the English word “mandate”), the first word of the phrase “*Mandatum novum do vobis ut diligatis invicem sicut dilexi vos*” or “I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.”

On Maundy Thursday, we commemorate Jesus’ last meal with his disciples before his crucifixion: remembering how he taught his disciples to be servants to one another through the washing of feet and remembering Jesus’ command to the disciples to love one another.

Participants in the Service

Rev. Dr. Libby M. Grammer, Senior Pastor, FBC

Rev. Dr. Mike Hatfield, Pastor, CHBC

Rev. David Cameron, Associate Minister for Music and Worship, CHBC/FBC

Baxter Jennings, Organist, FBC

Martha Hayes, Flute

Sherri Lewis, Lay Reader

William Underwood, Lay Reader

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