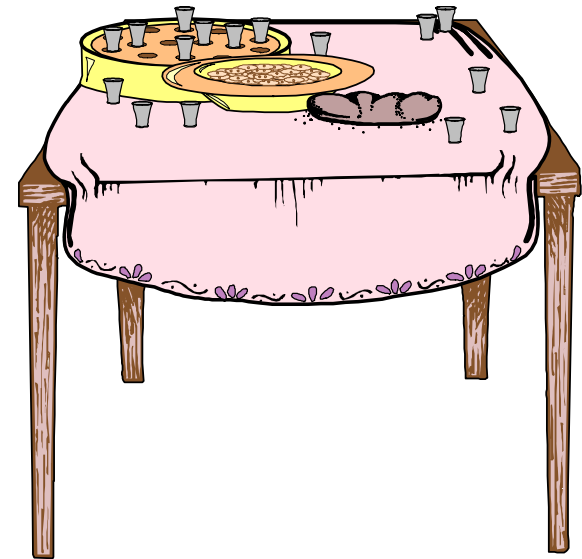
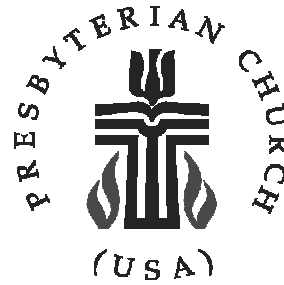


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EMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH
APRIL 9, 2009

Maundy Thursday Worship
Emmanuel United Church
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PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, friends, gather here.

We join to praise God.

What makes this night different from any other night?

A meal, a command, a garden, and an arrest.

A meal?

A sign of love even for those who betray and deny.

A command?

A call to love even as we are loved.

A garden?

A time to wrestle until we can accept God's will.

An arrest?

Where the good is overcome and the "faithful" flee into the night.

What makes this night different from any other?

We see what is worst in us and the love that holds us anyway,

The love that calls out our best.

*May the mystery of that love renew us,
This night and always. Amen.*

HYMN # 253 - "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross", v. 1, 2

GATHERING PRAYER

PREPARATION - Mark 14:10-16

THE MEANING OF THIS NIGHT

HYMN # 253 - "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross", v. 3,4

THE GARDEN - Luke 22: 39-46

SACRIFICE

CHORAL ANTHEM - "Near the Cross"

THE ARREST - Matthew 26:47-56

A TIME OF PRAYER

HYMN # 239 - "Beneath the Cross of Jesus," v. 1,2

CRUCIFIXION - John 19:17-27

FAMILY

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S SUPPER

HYMN - "Here is Bread" (Bulletin)

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

HYMN # 266 - "Were You There?" v. 1-3

BLESSING

We welcome each of you to worship evening as we remember Jesus' last meal with his friends. Please join us for Good Friday worship at noon at Assumption/St. Paul's, and for Easter Sunrise at 6:30 a.m. at the Saratoga Battlefield Visitors' Center.