The People Gather

Call to Worship

L: This is the day

**P: when Christ gathered with his disciples in an upper room.**

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**P: when Christ shared a meal as a sign of his great love.**

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**P: when Christ took a towel, washed the disciples’ feet and showed us how to serve others.**

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**P: that the Lord has made.**

Opening Prayer

1st Reading: Matthew 26:17-25 – The Passover with His

 Disciples

Hymn: **Tune #233**

**Were you there when he gathered with his friends? (x2)**

**O, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.**

**Were you there when he gathered with his friends?**

(silence)

2nd Reading: Matthew 26:26-30 – The Lord’s Supper

Hymn: **Tune #233**

**Were you there when he gave them bread and wine? (x2)**

**O, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.**

**Were you there when he gave them bread and wine?**

(silence)

Invitation to Communion

Special Music: “How Deep the Father’s Love for Us” S. Townend

 Trio: V. Dykstra, P. Jamieson, M. Jardine

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

*The congregation comes forward to share the elements of Communion around the Table. While we share, we sing* ***#526 “Lift up your hearts,”*** *repeating the hymn until all have been served. When you have received Communion, please remain standing, if you are able, along the outer aisles.*

3rd Reading: John 13:1-17 – Jesus Washes the Feet of His

 Disciples

Hand Washing

*The congregation moves to the back of the sanctuary to the bowls of water. An Elder will “wash” the hands of the first person, and each turns to wash the hands of the next person. Please return to your seat after you have washed the next person’s hands.*

4th Reading: Matthew 26:36-45 – In Gethsemane

Hymn: **Tune #233**

**Were you there when he knelt and prayed to God? (x2)**

**O, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.**

**Were you there when he knelt and prayed to God?**

(silence)

5th Reading: Matthew 26:47-56 – The Betrayal and Arrest

Hymn: **Tune #233**

**Were you there when his friends betrayed and ran? (x2)**

**O, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.**

**Were you there when his friends betrayed and ran?**

(silence)

*At the conclusion of the service, the congregation leaves in silence. There is no benediction as worship continues on Friday morning*

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**THANK YOU,** Val Dykstra, for preparing the **Gluten Free Bread** for Communion

A warm welcome to all who have come to worship on this special evening. May the Spirit of God bless our hearts with the deep and abiding love He has shown for us in His Son Jesus Christ.

 A **Good Friday** worship service will be held in the sanctuary at St. Columba tomorrow morning at 10:30 a.m.

Please join us at St. Columba as we celebrate the **Resurrection** at 10:30am **Easter Sunday**.

Holy Communion

A Service for Maundy Thursday

April 18th 2019

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*Minister:*

The Rev. Jennifer Cameron

*Musician:*

Mr. John Brewster