



SPARTA

United Methodist Church

Very truly, I tell you,
servants are not greater than
their master, nor are
messengers greater than the
one who sent them.

John 13:16, NRSV



Maundy Thursday

21 APRIL 2011

PRELUDE

Jay Galbraith

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

People: **Christ has prepared a feast of love.**

***HYMN No. 618** "Let Us Break Bread Together"

CONFESSION AND PARDON

L: My sisters and brothers, Christ shows us his love by becoming a humble servant. Let us draw near to God and confess our sin in the truth of God's Spirit.

P: Most merciful God, we your church confess that often our spirit has not been that of Christ. Where we have failed to love one another as he loves us, where we have pledged loyalty to him with our lips and then betrayed, deserted, or denied him, forgive us, we pray; and by your Spirit make us faithful in every time of trial; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

L: Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ. But Christ suffered and died for us, was raised from the dead and ascended on high for us, and continues to intercede for us. Believe the good news; in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

P: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 13:1-17; 31-35

SERMON

"The Power of Love"

Rev. Bob Miller

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE II

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***HYMN No. 419**

"I Am Thine, O Lord"

BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

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*(*Standing as you are able)*