

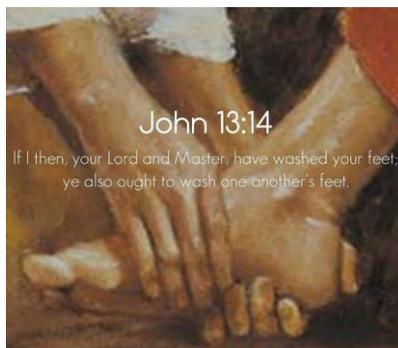
**THURSDAY, APRIL 14, 2022**

**HOLY THURSDAY**

**Caldwell United Methodist Church, 8 Academy Road, Caldwell, N. J. 07006**

**Rev. Vivian L. Rodeffer, Pastor**

**Ms. Maxine Alstrom, Music Director**



**PRELUDE AND HANDWASHING**

*During the prelude, please come forward to have your hands washed at the altar railing.*

**WELCOME AND INVOCATION**

**Pastor Viv**

*Holy God, remind us on this special evening of the many ways we know you: as strong deliverer, as humble servant, as the One who bids us love one another. Let us remember together your words and your example. In Christ's name, we pray. **Amen.***

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Christ's love is poured out for us

**like water poured into a basin.**

Christ's love washes us clean.

**Christ's love shows us who we are to be,**

and what we are to do.

**How blessed we are to know such love!**

**\*HYMN # 292**

**"What Wondrous Love Is This"**

**1 What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!**

**What wondrous love is this, O my soul!**

**What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss  
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,  
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul!**

**2 When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,  
when I was sinking down, sinking down,**

when I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown,  
 Christ laid aside his crown for my soul, for my soul,  
 Christ laid aside his crown for my soul.

3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing;  
 to God and to the Lamb I will sing;  
 to God and to the Lamb, who is the great I AM,  
 while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,  
 while millions join the theme, I will sing.

4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on;  
 and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on.  
 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing his love for me,  
 and through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on,  
 and through eternity I'll sing on.

#### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**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.**

*A time of silent confession.*

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

#### **SCRIPTURE**

**John 13: 1-17, 31b-35**

**Pastor Karen, Reader**

Jesus Washes the Disciples' Feet

13 Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to

the end. 2 The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper 3 Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, 4 got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. 5 Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. 6 He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" 7 Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." 8 Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." 9 Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" 10 Jesus said to him, "One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you." 11 For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean."

12 After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? 13 You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. 14 So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. 15 For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. 16 Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. 17 If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.

#### The New Commandment

31 When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. 32 If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. 33 Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' 34 I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. 35 By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

The word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

#### THE MESSAGE

#### LIKE A SERVANT

*"For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you." v.15*

#### CHOIR

#### "The Upper Room"

Don Besig and Nancy Price

#### INVITATION TO THE LORD'S SUPPER

God invites us to the table.

All are welcome, even those with their own agenda.

Christ serves us at this meal.

All may partake, even those who feel unworthy.

All are welcome; all are served; all are loved.

