

PORTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

THURSDAY, MARCH 29, 2018

*Eat this bread,
and
drink this cup*



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Pastor Dee Miller

Welcome to a Worship Celebration

Maundy Thursday, March 29, 2018

PRELUDE

Organist

HYMN

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"Let Us Break Bread Together"

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Dee Miller

Leader: In remembrance, we gather

People: to be with the One who teaches us the meaning of faithfulness.

Leader: In remembrance, we worship:

People: lifting our voices to the One who calls us to love one another.

Leader: In remembrance, we feast,

ALL: breaking the Bread which makes us whole, drinking the Cup which fills us with grace.

INVOCATION

Creator and Loving God, You kneel to wash our feet, yet we are reluctant for You to see all the places we have gone in our attempts to escape You. You would bathe us in the warm, living waters of Your love, even though we splash and play in the puddles of temptation. We have received all the gifts You have to offer, yet we are tempted to think they are only for us, rather than sharing them. Forgive us, Holy One, and have mercy on us. What can we give You for all Your wonderful graciousness towards us? As You have broken Your heart for us, may we open ours in service to others. As You have given Your life for us, may we offer ours to bring healing to the world. As You have called us together around Your Table, may we go forth to feed a hungry world, not only for food, but for that Spirit which brings peace and reconciliation. This we pray as servants of Jesus Christ, who came to serve us in life, in death, in resurrection hope. Amen.

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

The Love Mandate

WORSHIP OF GIVING: *Tithes, Offerings & Gifts*

"I Stand Amazed"

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*followed by "The Doxology"**

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GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pastor Dee Miller

On this night, we gather as the Hebrew people gathered in exile to share the Lamb and celebrate Your passing over them in mercy.

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!

On this night, we pass on to children and strangers what we have received from You, Lord Jesus: Who on the night You left us, took bread, blessed it, broke it and gave it to the disciples, saying, "This do in remembrance of Me," then at the table with the disciples Jesus took the cup and said, "This is My life for You, share in its newness and remember Me." And so we remember:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

As we remember You, Lord Jesus Christ, pour out Yourself again for us and on these gifts of bread and cup. By Your Holy Spirit make us living remembrances of Your great love and life. Fill us with a new understanding of love among all Your children that others may see our witness and draw close to You. We praise Your name, Holy God, the One Who made us, the One Who faced death for us, and the One Who sustains our lives, Holy Trinity. **Amen.**

HYMN

"O Jesus, I Have Promised"

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