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ZION'S REFORMED CHURCH*

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*Please rise in body or spirit, as you are able.

April 14, 2022 Maundy Thursday 7:00

*Where the past and the future with Jesus Christ are celebrated
so the present can be lived abundantly.*

PRELUDE "In This Very Room" Ron Harris/Mark Hayes

BRINGING GOD'S LIGHT INTO OUR MIDST

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come, let us join at the table.

All: Let us join at the table. Let us be set free.

Leader: Come, a place is set for each of us.

All: Let us join at the table. Let us be set free.

Leader: Come, join the misfits, thieves, and liars.

All: Let us join at the table. Let us be set free.

Leader: Come, young and old, from near or far.

All: Let us join at the table. Let us be set free.

Leader: Come, where shame is no longer welcome.

All: Let us join at the table. Let us be set free.

Leader: Come, where forgiveness and mercy triumph.

All: Let us join at the table. Let us be set free.

*INVOCATION

Leader: Come, a new commandment has been given
From before the foundation of the world.
Come, that we may love one another
That our joy may be full and we may be set free.

Were You There?

John 19:16-18; 20:11-17

African-American spiritual

1 Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?
 2 Were you there when they nailed him to the tree? Were you there?
 3 Were you there when God wept at Mar - y's cry?
 4 Were you there when Christ rose up from the tomb?

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 Were you there when Christ rose up from the tomb?

O some-times it caus-es me to trem-ble, trem-ble, trem-ble.

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 Were you there when they nailed him to the tree? Were you there?
 Were you there when God wept at Mar - y's cry?
 Were you there when Christ rose up from the tomb?

While many spirituals begin solemnly but end on a high pitch of praise, this is one of the true "sorrow songs" that W. E. B. DuBois spoke about in his book *The Souls of Black Folk*.

Tune: WERE YOU THERE Irr.
African-American spiritual
Arr. Joyce Finch Johnson, 1992

*OPENING HYMN NO. 223 "What Wondrous Love Is This"

*CALL TO CONFESSION

~please be seated~

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful, Mighty, Matchless One, you have loved us to the end. There was betrayal in our heart, yet you loved us anyway. You knew we would deny you, yet you loved us anyway. In our selfishness, we balked, we objected, we disapproved, yet you loved us anyway. We sought to point the finger at anyone other than ourselves, yet you loved us anyway. Forgive us we pray. Renew our healing convictions, restore our call to service, rekindle our flame for justice, that we may once again become your people of peace.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Hear and receive the good news. The one who created us has called us. There is now no condemnation, no shame at the table of God, only the love that makes us whole again, only the love we offer others. In God's name we are forgiven.

Congregation: In God's name we have been set free. Amen.

THE READING OF SCRIPTURE John 13:1-17, 31-35

THE SERMON "Heartbreak and Hope"

DEDICATION OF OFFERING: The offering plates are located near each entrance to the sanctuary.

May the gifts we offer today build your beloved community among us, that the world will know we are yours, that we love because you first loved us. Amen.

CHOIR ANTHEM "Remember" J. Paul Williams/Douglas Nolan

COMMUNION

Tonight, as we celebrate the Sacrament that Jesus instituted when he met with the disciples for the Passover meal, we will come forward to receive the elements. All persons are welcome. We will come 12 persons at a time using this as a symbolic remembrance of the Apostles who were called by Jesus and were with him on that special occasion.

INVITATION

COMMUNION PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING AT THE TABLE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

CLOSING HYMN NO. 229 "Were You There?"

BENEDICTION (Unison)

Now, may the love of God go with us. May God's face shine upon us. May we carry God's love into the world, loving one another as God has loved us. May our lives bear witness to the never-ending love of God. Amen.

POSTLUDE "Lead Me to Calvary" Gina Sprunger

HOLY WEEK

223

What Wondrous Love Is This

John 19:17; Rev. 5:13

19th century, United States; alt.
First published in Mercer's Cluster, 1836

1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul! O my soul! What
 2 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing, to
 3 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and

won-drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is
 God and to the Lamb, I will sing; To God and to the
 when from death I'm free, I'll sing on! And when from death I'm

this! that Christ should come in bliss to bear the heav-y cross for my
 Lamb who is the great I Am, while mil-lions join the theme, I will
 free, I'll sing and joy-ful be, and through e-ter-ni-ty I'll sing

soul, for my soul, to bear the heav-y cross for my soul!
 sing, I will sing; while mil-lions join the theme, I will sing.
 on, I'll sing on, and through e-ter-ni-ty I'll sing on!

This anonymous folk hymn, with its modal (dorian) tune, has appeared in many versions. William Walker, compiler of Southern Harmony, one of the most important nineteenth-century tune books in the United States, lived and died in Spartanburg, South Carolina.

Tune: WONDROUS LOVE 12.9.12.12.9.
(CHRISTOPHER)
Appendix to Wm. Walker's Southern Harmony, c. 1843
Harm. The New Century Hymnal, 1993