MAUNDY THURSDAY

March 28, 2013 McDonald Chapel – 7:00 p.m.

Quiet Moments of Meditation

"Lord, this is your feast,
Prepared by your longing,
Spread at your command,
Attended at your invitation,
Blessed by your word,
Distributed by your hand,
The undying memorial of your
sacrifice upon the Cross,
The full gift of your everlasting love,
And its perpetuation till time shall end."

The Musical Prelude

"Near the Cross"

+ The Call to Worship

Pastor: Praise the Lord.

People: Praise the Lord.

<u>Pastor:</u> Praise God in his sanctuary; praise Him in His mighty heavens.

Praise Him for His acts of power;

Praise Him for His surpassing greatness.

Praise Him with the sounding of the trumpet,

Praise Him with the harp and lyre,

Praise Him with tambourine and dancing,

Praise Him with the strings and flute,

Praise Him with the clash of cymbals.

Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!

<u>People</u>: Praise the Lord! (Psalm 150)

+ The Prayer of Invocation (Unison)

O God, you did send your Son that we might have life. He did invite his disciples to share in the evening meal, the breaking of bread and pouring of wine. He invited them to receive his gift of love and the offering up of himself; and he invites us now to receive that same gift of grace. May we be open to your word, receptive to your presence and aware of the fellowship of your Holy Spirit. May we be drawn together by the breaking of bread and know the joy of sin forgiven, even as we forgive those who sin against us. O God, who called us from death to life, we give ourselves to you, to the love and fellowship of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

+ The Hymn of Praise

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

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+The Affirmation of Faith – The words of John's Gospel

"We believe that God is Spirit, and they that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth. We believe that God is Light, and that if we walk in the light, we have fellowship one with another. We believe that God is Love, and that everyone that loves is born of God and knows God. We believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, and in Him we have life. We believe that He is the Resurrection and the Life, and that whoever believes in Him, though he were dead, yet shall he live. We believe that the world passes away, but he who does the will of God abides forever. Amen"

Hymn in preparation for prayer

"Sweet Hour of Prayer"

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Prayer of Confession – (Unison) We confess to you, God, what we are – not the kind of people we would like others to think we are. We confess that we are afraid to admit what lies deep within each of us; and we confess that we are part of the great unrest of the world. Forgive our indifference, forgive our reliance on useless things, forgive our discriminations and our pre-occupations with little worries. Hear our confessions and assure us of your forgiveness, as we pray the prayer Jesus taught us to pray:

The Lord's Prayer

Assurance of Pardon –

<u>Pastor</u>: You people of God, why are you sitting here looking mournful? Wake up. You are alive! God has proclaimed you free!

<u>People</u>: Free? But what about all those things we just confessed? Are we not to be held accountable?

<u>Pastor</u>: God has accepted you, therefore He knows those things you do. But you are a forgiven people, accepted and loved as you are. Stand up and sing God's praise!

+ Hymn of Confession "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind" #427

Listening to God's Word: Psalm 34:1-22

"Above All"

Arr. Smith

Julie Rech, Soloist

Message Promises, Promises Dr. Hester

Scripture – Exodus 6:6-7

+ Responsive Reading "The Lord's Supper" # 647

I Corinthians 11:23-32

+ Hymn of the Lord's Supper "Let Us Break Bread Together" #323

The Institution of the Lord's Supper

We partake of The Lord's Supper

A prayer of committal

+ Hymn of Petition "Breathe on Me, Breath of God" # 259

+Please stand

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