

Closing Hymn 595 (VU):

We are pilgrims on a journey,
fellow travellers on the road;
we are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load.

Sister, let me be your servant,
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant too.

I will hold the Christ-light for you
In the night-time of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
speak the peace you long to hear.

I will weep when you are weeping,
when you laugh I'll laugh with you;
I will share your joy and sorrow,
till we've seen this journey through.

Brother, let me be your servant,
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant too.

Sending Forth

Love one another;

a simple command.

Love one another;

a costly demand.

Love one another;

an example by which to live.

Love one another;

an ambition into which to grow.

So take what you have
offered and received here,
and grow in love for one another,
loving as Christ loves you.

This is where the service ends. We leave in prayer and silence.

THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

Pembina Parish

Zion-Calvin & St. Paul's



Maundy Thursday

April 9th, 2020

Opening Words

Candle-lighting

Call to Worship

We gather:

travellers, questioners, seekers.

We gather:

hungry, thirsty, looking for a place.

We gather:

**in the story, in the promise,
in the word.**

We gather:

**as the shadows lengthen,
as the darkness falls,
as the questions hang.**

And in this time

when all the stories merge

and all the moments blend

we find ourselves together

with the towel-wrapped,

water-pouring Saviour.

It is a holy, broken time.

And here we gather.

Gathering prayer

Holy One,

you are with us in all things.

This evening,

as we step once again into the story of your passion,

help us to see the vision of servanthood and vulnerability

you place before us.

May we be open to experiencing the depth and range

of emotions this story brings,

unafraid and accepting of what may come.

We ask these things in the name of Christ. Amen.

**Hymn 130 (VU): An upper room did our Lord prepare
for those he loved until the end:
and his disciples still gather there
to celebrate their risen Friend.**

**A lasting gift Jesus gave his own:
to share his bread, his loving cup.
whatever burdens may bow us down,
he by his cross shall lift us up.**

**And after supper he washed their feet,
for service, too, is sacrament.**

**In Christ our joy shall be made complete:
sent out to serve, as he was sent.**

No end there is! We depart in peace.

He loves beyond the uttermost:

in every room in our Maker's house

Christ will be there, as Lord and Host.

Gospel reading: John 13: 1-17, 31b-35

Jesus washes the disciples' feet.

"This is the Gospel of Christ."

"Thanks be Christ, our life."

Faith Reflections

**Hymn 593 (VU): Refrain: Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,
show us how to serve
the neighbours we have from you.**

**Kneels at the feet of his friends,
silently washes their feet,
master who acts as a slave to them.**

**Neighbours are rich and poor,
varied in colour and race,
neighbours are near – and far away.**

**These are the ones we should serve,
these are the ones we should love,
all – are neighbours to us – and you.**

**Kneel at the feet of our friends,
silently washing their feet,
this is the way we should live with you.**

Prayer Litany

Hear us, we pray.

O Saviour of the basin and towel.

The Prayer of Jesus