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WE GATHER TOGETHER

Prelude

Harlan Otter

Words to ponder

We gather around the table, hungry for Christ's blessing. He tells us, "Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another."

Introit

"Go to Dark Gethsemane"

Bell Choir

arr. by John A. Behnke

Welcome and Announcements

Ed Dayton

***Opening Prayer**

God of mystery, we gather tonight to remember the story that leads us into new life. As Jesus washed his disciples' feet, may we learn to serve one another. As we gather at the table, may we be ready for the journey ahead. Remind us, O God, to love one another— even when doing so is difficult, even when we want to lash out in anger, even when we want to ignore those who need us. We are not in charge. We are called to serve, to share your love. Be with us, O God, as we begin the journey that leads us to the cross. Amen.

***Opening Hymn**

"What Wondrous Life is This"

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WE HEAR THE WORD

***Gospel Reading**

John13:1-17 & 31-35

Rosaura F., Patty J., Jerry J.

Jesus Washes the Disciples' Feet

NARRATOR: (Rosaura)

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. ²The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper ³Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, ⁴got up from the table, ^[a]took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. ⁵Then 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.

PETER (Patty J.)

"Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" ⁷

JESUS (Jerry)

"You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand."

PETER (Patty J.)

"You will never wash my feet."

JESUS (Jerry)

"Unless I wash you, you have no share with me."

PETER (Patty J.)

"Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!"

JESUS (Jerry)

¹⁰Jesus said to him, "One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, ^[b]but is entirely clean. And you ^[c]are clean, though not all of you." ¹¹For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean."

NARRATOR (Rosaura)

¹²After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them,

JESUS (Jerry)

"Do you know what I have done to you? ¹³You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. ¹⁴So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. ¹⁵For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to

