

# STEADFAST LOVE

## A LENTEN PLAYLIST

# STAND UP CYNTHIA ERIVO from HARRIET

### Lyrics:

I been walkin' with my face turned to the sun  
Weight on my shoulders, bullet in my gun  
Oh, I got eyes in the back of my head  
Just in case I have to run  
I do what I can when I can while I can for my  
people

While the clouds roll back and the stars fill the night

**So I'm gonna stand up,  
Take my people with me  
Together we are going to a brand new home  
Far across the river  
Can you hear freedom calling?  
Calling me to answer; Gonna keep on keepin' on  
I can feel it in my bones**

Early in the mornin', before the sun begins to shine  
We're gonna start movin' towards that separating  
line

I'm wadin' through muddy waters  
You know I got a made up mind  
And I don't mind if I lose any blood on the way to  
salvation

And I'll fight with the strength that I got until I die

And I know what's around the bend  
Might be hard to face 'cause I'm alone  
And I just might fail  
But Lord knows I tried  
Sure as stars fill up the sky

I go to prepare a place for you

### Reflection:

"Stand Up," performed by Cynthia Erivo, is the theme song for the film "Harriet," which tells the story of abolitionist Harriet Tubman. The song is a call to action, echoing Tubman's spirit of resilience and the pursuit of freedom. It's a powerful anthem about hope, overcoming obstacles, and fighting for justice, particularly for those who have been marginalized.

This song has been selected to accompany Maundy Thursday, the night we remember Jesus' last supper. Jesus was celebrating Passover, remembering how God, through Moses, led the Israelites from slavery to freedom.

How are Moses and Harriet Tubman's legacies similar?

How are we called to "stand up" and be the voice and activist for freedom and equality in our day?

The final words "I go to prepare a place for you", allude to John 14:2. Jesus said these words during his final supper with his apostles. What do you think Jesus meant by them? What do you think they mean in the context of this song about Harriet Tubman and the Underground Railroad? What do you think they mean to our call to care for others?

# YOU HAVE LOOSED MY BONDS

April 17, 2025, 6:30pm



Schertz  
united methodist church

MAUNDY THURSDAY

## ENTRANCE

### Gathering

#### \*Introit

Stay With Me

TFWS #2198

by Jacques Berthier & the community of Taize

**Stay with me; remain here with me  
Watch and pray. Watch and pray.**

#### \*Greeting

Leader: Just as the disciples gathered in a room with Jesus, so we gather in this place, ready to watch, listen, and pray on this Holy Thursday.

**All: We come to remember and encounter Love Incarnate, who sets us free.**

As Jesus kneels to wash the dirt from the disciples' feet, we join in their surprise; we've never seen a Savior who acts like a servant.

**We come to remember and encounter Love Incarnate, who sets us free.**

As Jesus calls the disciples to wash one another's feet, we receive with them a new commandment: to love one another as Jesus has loved us.

**We come to remember and encounter Love Incarnate, who sets us free.**

Beloved, come. Come to kneel as a servant, come to the table with your fellow disciples, come to worship Love Incarnate, who sets you free.

**We come to remember and to worship God who has loosed our bonds and set us free to love one another as God has loved us.**

**\*Hymn**

Lord Whose Love Through  
Humble Service

UMH #581

Hymn by Albert F. Bayly; Tune: BEECH SPRING

Lord, whose love through humble service  
bore the weight of human need  
Who, upon the cross, forsaken,  
offered mercy's perfect deed  
We, your servants, bring the worship  
not of voice alone, but heart  
Consecrating to your purpose  
every gift that you impart

Still your children wander homeless,  
still the hungry cry for bread;  
Still the captives long for freedom,  
still in grief we mourn our dead.  
As, O Lord, your deep compassion  
healed the sick and freed the soul,  
Use the love your Spirit kindles  
still to save and make us whole

As we worship, grant us vision,  
til your love's redeeming light  
In its height and depth and greatness  
dawns upon our quickened sight,  
Making known the needs and burdens  
your compassion bids us bear,  
Stirring us to tireless striving,  
your abundant life to share.

Called by worship to your service,  
forth in your dear name we'll go  
To the child, the youth, the aged,  
love in living deeds to show  
Hope and health, good will and comfort,  
counsel, aid, and peace we give,  
That your servants, Lord, in freedom  
may your mercy know and live.

### **Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Forgiveness**

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.**

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.  
**In God's name, we have been set free. Amen.**

## **PROCLAMATION & RESPONSE**

### **Prayer for Illumination**

**Nurturing God, we come hungering for your word. Feed our spirits this night that we may go forth in courage to witness to your truth. Amen.**

### **The Psalter**

from Psalm 116

1 I love the LORD because he has heard my voice and my supplications.

2 Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.

12 What shall I return to the LORD for all his bounty to me?

13 I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD;

14 I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his

people.

15 Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his faithful ones.

16 O LORD, I am your servant; I am your servant, the child of your serving girl. You have loosed my bonds.

17 I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice and call on the name of the LORD.

18 I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people,

19 in the courts of the house of the LORD, in your midst, O Jerusalem. Praise the LORD!

## **Musical Reflection**

## **Stand Up**

from "Harriet" sung by Cynthia Erivo

## **\*Gospel Lesson**

John 13:1-17; 31-35, NRSV

1 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.

2 The devil had already decided that Judas son of Simon Iscariot would betray Jesus. And during supper

3 Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands and that he had come from God and was going to God,

4 got up from supper, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself.

5 Then 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.

6 He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?"

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

8 Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me."

9 Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!"

10 Jesus said to him, "One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you."

11 For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean."

12 After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had reclined again, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you?"

13 You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for that is what I am.

14 So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet.

15 For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you.

16 Very truly, I tell you, slaves are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them.

17 If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.

31 When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him.

32 If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once.

33 Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you,

'Where I am going, you cannot come.'

34 I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.

35 By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

The Word of God for the people of God  
**Thanks be to God**

**Sermon**

"You Have Loosed  
My Bonds"

Rev. Jon Snape

**Prayer of Intercession**

**\*Passing the Peace**

**THANKSGIVING & COMMUNION**

**Offering & Offertory**

**\*Doxology**

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**The Great Thanksgiving**

on screen

**Receiving Bread and Cup**

**Handwashing Ritual**

**Prayer After Receiving**

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# SENDING FORTH

**\*Hymn of Discipleship**

Servant Song

TFWS #2222

by Richard Gillard

Brother, sister, let me serve you  
Let me be as Christ to you  
Pray that I may have the grace  
to let you be my servant, too

We are pilgrims on a journey,  
we're together on this road.  
We are here to help each other  
walk the mile and bear the load.

I will hold the Christlight for you  
in the nighttime 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  
til we've seen this journey through.

When we sing to God in heaven,  
we shall find such harmony  
born of all we've known together  
of Christ's love and agony.

**\*Dismissal with Blessing**