

First Presbyterian Church
April 1, 2021

*Maundy
Thursday*

WELCOME

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Thank you for joining us for worship.

To decrease the risk of COVID for all gathered, please observe the following:

- Wear a mask
- Please remain seated for this service
- Maintain social distance from other worshipers
- Place offering in plates in the narthex
- Child Care during worship is open for very young children in Room 110/111 in Education Wing. If you need assistance in finding the room, please ask an usher.

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

CHIMING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE

In the Silence of the Garden

ROGER C. WILSON

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Long ago, our Lord sat at the table with his friends.

Many: **Jesus shared himself with his disciples.**

One: And we remember this night, what the Lord told us:

Many: **As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death, until he comes. Let us worship God!**

OPENING PRAYER

OPENING HYMN 215

What Wondrous Love Is This

WONDROUS LOVE

*What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,
what wondrous love is this, O my soul!*

*What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul!*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord Jesus, how well you know our hearts, and still you love us— you have loved us to the end. We have denied you, and we have denied our calling to serve one another. We have betrayed you, and we have betrayed your commandment to love one another. Pour out your Spirit of grace upon us. Teach us to love and serve you faithfully and to love and serve one another by the example you have set for us; in your holy name we pray.

(Let us now continue our confession in silence.)

KYRIE

*Lord, have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison, Kyrie eleison.
Lord, have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord, have mercy.*

HOPSON

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Having loved his own who were in the world, Jesus loved them to the end. Jesus knows us fully and offers love and forgiveness unconditionally. In gratitude for the grace given to us, and as a witness to our faith in Christ, we will love one another.

Many: **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

HYMN 215

What Wondrous Love Is This

WONDROUS LOVE

*When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,
when I was sinking down sinking down,
when I was sinking down beneath the God's righteous frown,
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul, for my soul,
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul!*

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSON

JOHN 13:1-17

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. The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. 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. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" 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." For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean." After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

Many: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

"Given All Things"

The Rev. Dr. Tara W. Bulger

SILENT MEDITATION

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

HYMN 215

What Wondrous Love Is This

WONDROUS LOVE

*To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing,
to God and to the Lamb, I will sing;
to God and to the Lamb who is the great I Am,
while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing;
while millions join the theme, I will sing!*

Though on this night we remember and celebrate the final supper Jesus shared with his disciples in the context of Passover, we are neither celebrating a Seder ("order of service"), nor reenacting the Last Supper, but sharing with our risen Lord a foretaste of the heavenly banquet. The Eucharist is rooted not only in the Last Supper but also in Jesus' eating with sinners, and in his feeding the crowd with the loaves and fishes and it foreshadows the meals after his resurrection. All together they constitute the multiple meanings of the Lord's Supper.

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

One: Why do we give thanks and praise before the table?

Many: **We give thanks for God's work of creation, liberation, and salvation.**

One: It is indeed right, our duty and our delight, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to you, O holy Lord, eternal God. You created the heavens and the earth and all that is in them. You made us in your own image and in countless ways you show us your mercy. Therefore, with the choirs of angels and the whole company of heaven, we worship and adore your glorious name:

Many: **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!**

One: All glory and blessings are yours, O holy God, for in your mercy you gave your only Son, Jesus Christ. He took our human nature and suffered death on the cross for our redemption. There he made a perfect sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. We praise you that before he suffered and died, our Savior gave us this holy sacrament and commanded us to continue it until he comes again.

Many: **Why do we eat bread at this table?**

One: On the night before he died, Jesus took bread. After giving thanks, he broke it and give it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat. This is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Many: **Why do we drink from the cup at this table?**

One: The same night Jesus took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of me."

Many: **What do we remember at this table?**

One: We remember God's gracious love for us; Christ's death and resurrection for us; and the Spirit's tender care for us. Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith:

Many: **Dying, you destroyed our death; Rising, you restored our life. Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

One: Merciful God, pour out your Holy Spirit on these gifts of bread and wine, that in eating and drinking we may be made one with God and one another.

Many: **Amen.**

(Please open your communion bread and cup now. The minister will lead you in eating and drinking together.)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Holy One, in the presence of each other, we offer our heartfelt thanksgiving, our gratitude and our praise. As we have been fed, show us how to feed others, to serve you, and to love and serve one another for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

HYMN 215

What Wondrous Love Is This

WONDROUS LOVE

*And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on;
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on;
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be,
and through eternity, I'll sing on, I'll sing on;
and through eternity I'll sing on.*

BENEDICTION

Please depart in silence

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