



First Presbyterian Church

MAUNDY THURSDAY

APRIL 14, 2022 7:00 P.M.

PRELUDE

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

GOD CALLS US TOGETHER

OPENING PRAYER

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Gracious is the LORD and righteous;

our God is full of compassion.

How shall we repay you, O LORD,

for all the good things you have done for us?

We will lift up the cup of salvation

and call on the name of the LORD. (Psalm 116:5, 12-13)

***HYMN 366**

Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me

Jesus, thy boundless love to me no thought can reach, no tongue declare;

O knit my thankful heart to thee, and reign without a rival there.

Thine wholly, thine alone, I'd live, myself to Thee entirely give.

O grant that nothing in my soul may dwell but thy pure love alone;

Oh, may your love possess me whole, my joy, my treasure, and my crown!

All coldness from my heart remove; my every act, word, thought, be love.

O love, how gracious is Thy way! All fear before Thy presence flies;

Care, anguish, sorrow melt away, wherever Thy healing beams arise

O Jesus, nothing may I see, nothing desire or seek, but Thee.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord Jesus Christ, 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.
We pray in your holy name. Amen.

KYRIE (#572)

“Lord have mercy upon us, Christ have mercy upon us, Lord have mercy upon us.”

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

“God so loved the world that God gave the only Son, that whoever believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life” (*John 3:16*).
Friends, believe the good news. **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

SUNG RESPONSE 579

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be
World without end. Amen. Amen.

GOD’S WORD IS PROCLAIMED

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats.

You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the LORD. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

THE EPISTLE LESSON 1 Corinthians 11:23-29

For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be answerable for the body and blood of the Lord. Examine yourselves, and only then eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For all who eat and drink without discerning the body, eat and drink judgment against themselves.

THE GOSPEL LESSON John 13:1-17,34-35

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.

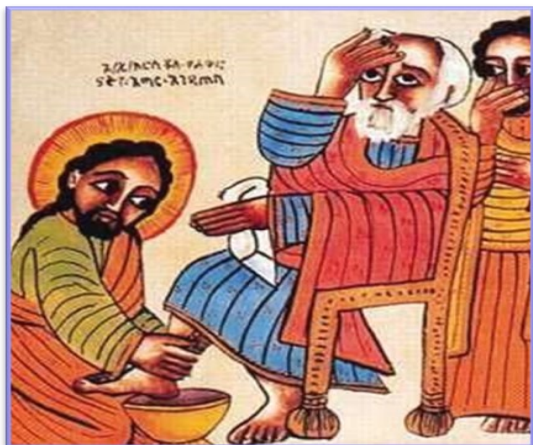
I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Caring for the Body of Christ

—The Rev. Meta Cramer



WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

FOOTWASHING

Anyone wishing to participate should come forward at this time.

CALL FOR OFFERING

OFFERTORY

RESPONSE OF PRAISE 101

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a present far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all

GOD'S WORD IS SEALED

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

THE INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, INCLUDING PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise. ... ending with

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not in to temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

THE SHARING OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (*unison*)

God, our help and strength,
you have satisfied our hunger with this holy meal.
Strengthen our faith,
that through the death and resurrection of your Son
we may be led to salvation, for he is Lord now and forever.
Amen.

***HYMN 101**

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross – vs. 1-3

When I survey the wondrous Cross
On which the Prince of Glory died,
My richest Gain I count but Loss,
And pour Contempt on all my Pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
Save in the Death of Christ my God:
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to his Blood.

See from his Head, his Hands, his Feet,
Sorrow and Love flow mingled down!
Did ever such Love and Sorrow meet?
Or Thorns compose so rich a Crown?

THE SERVICE OF TENEBRAE

The Passion of Jesus Christ according to Luke

Luke 22:28-23:56

*During the reading of the Passion, the candles will be extinguished
as we hear the story of Jesus' suffering, death and burial.*

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The service continues on Easter morning at 10:30 a.m.
Breakfast will be served at 9:15 a.m.