

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Maundy Thursday

April 6, 2023 6:00 pm

PRELUDE "What Wondrous Love Is This" C. Phillips
Dr. Mark Coffey

RINGING OF THE HAND CHIMES

INTROIT

WORDS OF WELCOME Dr. McGarity

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Jesus said: I give you a new commandment that you love one another.

People: Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another

Leader: Beloved people of God: This is the day when Christ, our Passover Lamb, surrendered himself into the hands of those who would kill him.

People: This is the day when Jesus Christ gathered with his disciples in the Upper Room to celebrate the Passover meal.

Leader: This is the day when Christ took a towel and washed his disciple's feet, giving us an example that we should do to others as he has done for us.

People: This is the day when Jesus Christ gave us a new commandment to love one another.

Leader: This is the day when Christ, the bread of heaven, gave us this holy feast as a means of grace to feed upon him and so become strengthened to continue our journey as his faithful disciples.

All: Let us worship the Lord.

*HYMN "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" No. 185 (Red Hymnal)

CONFESSON AND PARDON

Minister: Lord Jesus, you were sent to heal the contrite heart: Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Minister: Lord Jesus, you came to call sinners: Christ, have mercy.

All: Christ, have mercy.

Minister: Lord Jesus, you are seated at the right hand of the Father to intercede for us: Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Minister: May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life..

All: Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI No. 623 (Red Hymnal)
"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."

ANTHEM "My Lord Is Weeping" By Patrick M. Liebergen

FIRST LESSON Psalm 116:1-6, 12-19

*HYMN "Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed" No. 208 (Red Hymnal)

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

*HYMN "Jesus Paid It All" No. 210 (Red Hymnal)

GOSPEL LESSON John 13: 1-15

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON WHY WE GATHER AT THE TABLE Dr. Don McGarity

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth: and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God, the Father Almighty, from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

COMMUNION PRAYER

Minister: Father, it is our duty and our salvation..... And so we join the angels and the saints in proclaiming your glory as we say:

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

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Minister: Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith.

All: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Minister: Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

All: Amen

*THE LORD'S PRAYER

No. 426 (Red Hymnal)

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

Minister: This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Happy are those who are called to his supper.

All: Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word, and I shall be healed.

DISTRIBUTION (We will serve by intinction)

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*HYMN

"Were You There?"

No. 181 (Red Hymnal)

*BENEDICTION

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Minister: May Almighty God bless you the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Minister: Go in peace.

People: Thanks be to God.

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

No. 628 (Red Hymnal)

"Threefold Amen"

Amen. Amen. Amen.

STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

(Please exit in silence)

POSTLUDE

"O World, I Now Must Leave Thee"

J. Brahms

Presbyterians celebrate an "open communion." All professing Christians who have been baptized "In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit" are encouraged to partake of this Holy Sacrament.

We welcome all members of the community especially those from 1st United Methodist Church who are worshipping with us.

