First Presbyterian Church



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Maundy Thursday Worship with Holy Communion

March 28, 2024 / 6:30 P.M.

Gathering

Prelude

Theme from Pavane, Op. 50

Gabriel Fauré, arr. Douglas Wagner

Serenade (Petite Sonnerie du Soir) Jubilate Deo Ringers John Knox

Call to Worship

This is a day of remembrance for us.

We lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.

Throughout the generations, we have received and handed on to others what the Lord has given to us: water for washing; the towel of service:

The bread of His body; the cup of the new covenant; proclaiming the Lord's death until he comes again.

Let us worship the Lord.

Hymn 203

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

CHEREPONI

Call to Reconciliation

Even among Jesus' closest disciples, not all were clean. On this night we confess the ways we disappoint, deny, even betray Jesus, our Teacher and Lord. Our confession of sin is made in the sure knowledge that Jesus is able to wash us in forgiveness and love. Shall we pray...

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, you have called us to serve others as Christ has served us. We confess that we have not followed Christ's example as fully or as often as we should. We turn away from people in need. True humility eludes us, and we hide our own vulnerability from others. You have commanded us to love one another as you have loved us. We confess that we do not love so generously. Gathered on this Holy Thursday, we confess that we are capable of denying and betraying you and one another, no less than the first disciples. Forgive us, merciful God, and cleanse us of all sin; then guide our feet to walk with you always. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

Silent Confession

Words of Life

Disciples of Christ, 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 gift of grace given to us, and as a witness to our faith in Christ, let us pass the peace to each other as a sign of our love for one another.

Passing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you. And also with you.

Reading from the Epistles

Reading from the Gospels

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Like as the hart desireth the waterbrooks

Herbert Howells

1st Corinthians 11:23-26

John 13:1-17; 31b-35

Like as the hart desireth the waterbrooks, so longeth my soul after thee, O God. My soul is a thirst for God, yea, even for the living God. When shall I come to appear before the presence of God?

My tears have been my meat day and night, while they daily say unto me, "Where is now thy God?"

Text: Psalm 42:1-3 Chancel Choir

Message

Worth Remembering

Rev. T.J. Parlette

• Hymn 494

Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts

QUEBEC

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Our communion is open to all who believe that Jesus Christ is their Lord and Savior.

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Great Thanksgiving Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution (responsively)

On the night of his arrest, the Lord Jesus took bread and broke it, saying: "This is my body, given for you. Remember me."

As Jesus gave thanks to God, we also give thanks for his life: our bread of Life.

On that same night, in the same way, the Lord Jesus took the cup, saying: "This is my blood, poured out for you. This do also to remember me."

As Jesus gave thanks to God, we also give thanks for this new covenant of God's love sealed in the blood of Jesus.

When you eat this bread and drink this cup, remember the Lord Jesus.

Remember and be thankful. Remember until he comes!

Remember us when you come, Lord Jesus!

Thanks be to God!

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Please come forward to be served. If you wish to be served at your pew, a server will come down the side aisle to assist you.

Music at Communion

Ave Verum Corpus

William Byrd

Hail, true Body, born of the Virgin Mary,
Who has truly suffered, was sacrificed on the cross for mankind:
Whose side was pierced, whence flowed water and blood:
Be for us a foretaste of heaven during our final examining.
O Jesu sweet, O Jesu pure, O Jesu, Son of Mary, have mercy upon me. Amen.

Text: 13^{th} c. communion liturgy, sung in Latin

Chancel Choir

Prayer after Communion

Please remain seated as the chancel is stripped in preparation for Good Friday, and depart quietly afterward.