

Maundy Thursday

The Sacrament of The Lord's Supper

March 28, 2013

The Order of Worship

7:00 p.m.

Gathering of God's People

Prayer & Meditation

Prelude

Call To Worship

Jesus said, "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another.
Just as I have loved you.

**By this everyone will know that we are Christ's disciples,
if we love one another.**

Opening Prayer

*Hymn *Great God, Your Love Has Called Us Here* (see insert)

Prayer of Confession

Eternal God, Whose covenant with us is never broken, we confess that we have failed to fulfill Your will for us. We betray our neighbors, desert our friends, and run in fear when we should be loyal. Though You have bound Yourself to us, we have not bound ourselves to You. God have mercy on us weak and willful people. Lead us once again to Your table, and unite us to Christ, who is the bread of life and the vine from which we grow in grace. To Christ be praise forever...(time for silent confession)...

Assurance of Pardon

*Gloria Patri

*The Peace The peace of the Lord Jesus be with you all.
And also with you.

(Welcome each other in the Spirit of Christ, and share with them His peace.)

Prayer for Illumination

Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14
Psalms 116:1-2, 12-19
1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Anthem

When Christ Comes to Die

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*When Christ comes to die on Calvary, created things all hold their breath.
They hide their face in the darkest sky; and nothing now moves on the hillside,
Except a white lily blows in the dark heart of spring.
When Mary comes seeking that first Easter morn, she thinks her Lord sure to be dead.
In grief for the Savior she weeps at the tomb. Her tears are soon turned into gladness;
For a white lily blows in the dark heart of spring.
When death comes in all its terror by night, disquieting all solitude;
The Christ who arose from the dead proclaims; the tomb is now empty forever.
And still a white lily blows in the dark heart of spring*

The Gospel Lesson: *John 13:1-17, 31b-35*

Communion Meditation

Love that Risks

*The Nicene Creed

The Prayers of the People

*Hymn 516 *Lord, We Have Come at Your Own Invitation*

Invitation to The Lord's Supper

Call to Prayer

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

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

. . . to proclaim the glory of Your Name:
**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.**
. . . according to the commandment...
**We remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection,
we await his coming in glory.**

The Lord's Prayer

Communion

Prayer After Communion

God of Grace, Your Son Jesus Christ left us this holy meal of bread and wine in which we share his body and blood. May we who have celebrated this sign of his great love show in our lives the fruits of his redemption; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. Amen.

*Hymn 358

Help Us Accept Each Other

The Charge and Benediction

*Postlude



Service for Remembering the Last Supper

For Christians, Maundy Thursday is a day of reassurance which culminates in the remembrance of Jesus' last meal with His disciples before His crucifixion. Three of the Gospels -- Matthew, Mark, and Luke -- recount the meal, including the words of institution of The Lord's Supper; but the Gospel of John includes not the words of institution but the service of footwashing. It is from the Gospel of John that this day of Holy Week - Maundy Thursday -- derives its name. The word *Maundy* means *commandment* and refers to Jesus' words in John 13:34, "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another as I have loved you."

Good Friday Schedule

7:00 p.m. Tenebrae Service of Shadows, The Presbyterian Church

Tenebrae is a dramatic reading of the Passion of Christ with hymns and anthems recounting Jesus' sacrificial death.

Easter Day Schedule

6:30 a.m. Easter Dawn Service, The Presbyterian Church

8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Traditional Service, The Presbyterian Church

9:45 a.m. Church School, The Presbyterian Church



The Presbyterian Church

The Rev. Allen H. Fisher, Jr., *Pastor*

The Rev. Patrick Dennis, *Associate Pastor*

E. Bruce Harvey, Jr., *Coordinator of Christian Education*

Sarah Dennis, *Director of Youth Ministry*

Mary Ann & Larry Casey, *Choirmasters*

Amy L. Shirk, *Organist*

The Rev. Terry N. Diebold, *Parish Associate*