

Maundy Thursday

The Sacrament of The Lord's Supper

April 17, 2014

The Order of Worship 7:00 p.m.

Gathering of God's People

Prayer & Meditation

Prelude

Walk Through the Valley
Jubilate Ringers

Bill Ingram

Call To Worship

From generation to generation
we celebrate this day as a festival to You, O Lord.
We remember with thanksgiving all Your goodness to us.
We will lift the cup of salvation and call on the Name of the Lord.
We are Your people, Your grateful guests,
As we celebrate this sacrifice of thanksgiving.

Opening Prayer

*Hymn 504

We Come as Guests Invited

Prayer of Confession

Loving God, we are often unwilling to love one another, especially when others have wronged us for whatever reasons. We hold grudges rather than confront our aggressors. We talk *about* them rather than *to* them. As Judas betrayed Jesus, we continue to deceive the risen Christ. As we partake of the Lord's Supper, the table is not yet spread with good will. Forgive our reluctance to humble ourselves and wash us anew with the waters of new life...(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

Gracious God, feed us with Your Holy Word and fill us with Your Holy Spirit, so that our lives may proclaim the mystery of faith in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Scripture Readings

Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14

Psalms 116:1-2, 12-19

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

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

Anthem

Wash Me Thoroughly David Halls

Communion Meditation

Love Serves

*The Nicene Creed

p. 36 in the Hymnal

The Prayers of the People

Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Invitation to The Lord's Supper

*Hymn 202

An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare

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

. . . we praise Your Name and join their unending hymn:

**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.

. . . as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

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

The Lord's Prayer

Communion

Anthem

Holy Are You, Lord of Sorrow

Teleman, Liebergen

Prayer After Communion

We thank You, Holy God, for giving us this meal, shared in the Spirit, which sustains us with the food and drink of Your life. Grace our lives that we may at the last come to share in the heavenly banquet of Your kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Hymn 316

Where Charity and Love Prevail

The Charge and Benediction

*Postlude

Thanks to our liturgist, David Johnson, and ushers, Linda Sweet and Mary Raye Cox



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. In three of the Gospels -- Matthew, Mark, and Luke -- the scriptures recounting that meal include the words of institution of The Lord's Supper, but the Gospel of John includes not the words of institution but the service of foot-washing. It is from the Gospel of John that we derive the name for this day of Holy Week, Maundy Thursday. 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."

Prayer Quilts -You are invited to come to the Church Houses after worship tonight and pray as you tie square knots on prayer quilts made by members of Presbyterian Women. After prayers are said and knots are tied, they will be given to Joan Eck, Bill Remsen, Mary Babinsky, Ralph Myers, Betty Cox and Michael Hynden. Prayer quilts will also be available tomorrow from 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon and after Good Friday worship.

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, Fredericksburg United Methodist Church
8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Traditional Service, The Presbyterian Church
9:45 a.m. Church School, The Presbyterian Church

**Now before the festival
of the Passover, Jesus
knew that his hour
had come to depart
from this world and go
to the Father.**

John 13.1



The Presbyterian Church

The Rev. Allen H. Fisher, Jr., *Pastor*
E. Bruce Harvey, Jr., *Coordinator of Christian Education*
Brittany Harvey, *Director of Youth Ministries*
Mary Ann & Larry Casey, *Choirmasters*
Amy L. Shirk, *Organist*