

Maundy Thursday

The Sacrament of The Lord's Supper

March 29, 2018

The Order of Worship

7:00 p.m.

**All who are able may stand.*

Bold type spoken by the congregation

Gathering of God's People

Prayer & Meditation Prelude

Call To Worship

This is a day of remembrance for us.

We will lift 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.

Opening Prayer

*Hymn 504

We Come as Guests Invited

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 before 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...(time for silent confession)...

Forgive us, merciful God, and cleanse us of all our sin; then guide our feet to walk with You always. In Christ's Name we pray. Amen.

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, pour out Your Holy Spirit upon us, we pray, that we may see the light of Your Word in the darkness of our lives. And seeing, may we understand; understanding, may we do all that You ask. In the Name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Scripture Readings

Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14

Psalms 116:1-2, 12-19

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

John 13:1-17, 31b-35

Anthem

Abba

Boersman/Courtney

Abba, Abba, like a whisper on the wind I hear my name.

In a sound so like a sigh, again it came. Your disciples gathered with You do not hear,

Yet the whisper of my name has reached my ear. I am here, my Son, here in the upper room.

I hear the water gently splash, I see the Servant King attending to His friends.

Here I am, here in the upper room.

But as You serve the bread and wine, the broken body and the blood are Yours alone.

Abba, Abba, like a whisper on the wind I hear my name. In a sound so like a sigh, again it came.

With a whisper that is heard by God alone, my only Son begins His painful journey home.

Communion Meditation

What Shall I Return?

*The Nicene Creed

p. 36 in the Hymnal

The Prayers of the People

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

. . . forever praising Your steadfast love and glory:

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.

. . . great is the mystery of faith.

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

The Lord's Prayer

p. 35 in the Hymnal

Communion

Prayer After Communion

O Lord our God, we rise from this table knowing a love beyond our deserving. Thank You for giving us a place at Your table; for serving us the Bread of Life; for offering to us, even to us, the cup of salvation. In humility and hope, we go now from this night to Your promised day. In Christ we pray. Amen.

*Hymn 215

What Wondrous Love Is This

The Charge and Benediction

*Postlude

Thanks to our ushers, Mike Giblson, David Johnson, Dick & Mary Szymanski



SERVICE FOR REMEMBERING THE LAST SUPPER

For Christians, Maundy Thursday is a day of reassurance culminating in the remembrance of Jesus' last meal with His disciples before His crucifixion. In the Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke, the scriptures include the words of institution of The Lord's Supper. The Gospel of John, however, has the service of foot-washing instead of the words of institution. 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."

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



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