

Maundy Thursday
The Sacrament of The Lord's Supper

April 21, 2011

The Order of Worship

7:00 p.m.

*All who are able may stand.

Bold type spoken by the congregation

The Gathering of God's People

The Prayer & Meditation

(Read *Luke 22:7-14, 21-23*)

The Prelude

The Call To Worship

We gather in remembrance of Jesus' last meal with his disciples

To acknowledge our kinship with the disciples who forsook him,

And to acknowledge our need of the God who did not.

**Let us sing praises to heaven and earth, for God who sustained Jesus
in his hour of trial is the One who sustains us in ours.**

The Opening Prayer

*The Hymn 298

"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

The Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, You come to us in astonishing ways—humble, yet with authority; helpless, yet with the power to save. You have shown us how to live lives grounded in gratitude and consecrated in service. Forgive us, Lord, for we have not followed Your lead. We have not followed You. We confess to You our cowardice, our selfishness, our failure to love as You have loved, and our poor witness to the world. Cleanse us again, we pray. Renew us, so that our lives may show forth the love and grace we have received from You...(time for silent confession)...

The Assurance of Pardon

* The Gloria Patri

p. 579 in the Hymnal

*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.)

The Prayer for Illumination

The Old Testament Lesson: *Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14*

p. 72 in the pew Bible

The Psalter Lesson: *Psalms 116:1-2, 12-19*

p. 694 in the pew Bible

The Epistle Lesson: *1 Corinthians 11:23-26*

p. 211 in the pew Bible

The Anthem

"Thy Will Be Done"

Craig Courtney

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

p. 131 in the pew Bible

Communion Meditation

*"What's New?"
Patrick Dennis*

*The Nicene Creed

p. 15 in the Hymnal

The Prayers of the People

*The Hymn 516

"Lord, We Have Come at Your Own Invitation"

The Invitation to The Lord's Supper

The 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.

The 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

The bread that we break is a sharing in the body of Christ.

We who are many are one body, for we all share the same loaf.

The cup for which we give

thanks is a sharing in the blood of Christ.

The cup that we drink is our participation in the blood of Christ

The 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.

*The Hymn 438

"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

The Charge and Benediction

* The 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. 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 footwashing. 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.*"

The Labyrinth and Prayer Quilts are available in the Fellowship Hall after this evening's service.

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

7:00 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

*I will lift up the
cup of salvation
and call on the
name of the
Lord.*



Psalm 116:13, NRSV

The Presbyterian Church

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

The Rev. Patrick Dennis, *Associate Pastor*

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Sarah Dennis, *Director of Youth Ministry*

Mary Ann & Larry Casey, *Choirmasters*

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