Maundy Thursday April 14, 2022



Westminster Presbyterian Church

This Bread I Break This bread I break was once the oat, This wine upon a foreign tree Plunged in its fruit; Main in the day or wind at night Laid the crops low, broke the grape's joy. Once in this wine the summer blood Knocked in the flesh that decked the vine, Once in this bread The oat was merry in the wind; Man broke the sun, pulled the wind down. This flesh you break, this blood you let Make desolation in the vein, Were oat and grape Born of the sensual root and sap; My wine you drink, my bread you snap. Dylan Thomas

# GATHERING

(Silence during the Prelude is requested in preparation for worship.)

Communion Meditation

**Douglas Wagner** 

#### About the Prelude

The Prelude is a musical offering to help move the hearts and minds of the gathering community from the daily struggles of life to the worship of God.

# \*CALL TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

(Those who are able may stand.)

Grace and peace to you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Let us worship God!

On this day Christ, the Lamb of God, gave himself into the hands of those who would slay him.

On this day Christ gathered with his disciples in the upper room.

On this day Christ took a towel and washed his disciples' feet, giving us an example that we should do to others as he had done for us.

On this day Christ, our God, gave us this holy feast, that we who eat this bread and drink this cup may here proclaim his holy sacrifice and be partakers of his resurrection, and at the last day may reign with him in heaven.

#### **\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Holy God, source of all love, on the night of his betrayal Jesus gave his disciples a new commandment, to love one another as he loved them. Write this commandment on our hearts; give us the will to serve others as he was the servant of all, who gave his life and died for us, yet is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

*HYMN 209	My Song Is Love Unknown	LOVE UNKNOWN	About Hymr
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CALL TO CONFESSION			here could e well have be courtier's la
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The proof of God's amazing love is this: While we were sinners, Christ died for us. Because we have faith in him, we dare to approach God with confidence.

In faith and penitence let us confess our sin before God and one another.

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

You call us to be your voices in this world and we stay silent.				
You call us to be your hands in this world and we keep them hidden.				
You call us to be your feet in this world				
and we go our own way.				
When we meet those who are doubting				
and say nothing, forgive us.				
When we meet those who need your touch				
and do nothing, forgive us.				
When we are called to take up your cross				
and carry nothing, forgive us.				
Breathe life into these bones;				
bring freedom to these lives				
that we might declare				
with heart and soul and voice				
that you are our Lord and our God. Amen.				

(Silent confession)

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#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

(The liturgist pours water, which reminds us of our baptism.)

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

May the God of mercy, who forgives us all our sins, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit, keep us in eternal life.

#### \*The Peace

Since God in Christ has forgiven us, let us also forgive one another.

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

(Please exchange the peace with the words, "The peace of Christ be with you.")

## THE WORD

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

## SCRIPTURE

Hear the Word of God! Our ears are open.

Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14

(Old Testament, page 58 in your pew Bible)

## Psalm 116

Philip W.J. Stopford

I love the Lord, for he has heard the voice of my supplication, because he inclined his ear to me on the day I called to him.

The snares of death encompassed me; the pains of hell took hold of me, by grief and sorrow was I held. I will walk before the Lord in the land of the living. Then I called upon the name of the Lord: "O Lord, I beg you, deliver my soul!"

This powerful and stirring setting of Psalm 116 by British church musician and composer, Phillip Stopford, features soaring vocal lines and a reflective accompaniment. Stopford (b. 1977) continues to compose prolifically for choirs and his anthems have become some of the most popular written for sacred worship and concert today.

Gracious is the Lord, and righteous; our God is full of compassion.
The Lord watches over the simple;
I was brought very low and he saved me.
Turn again to your rest, O my soul, for the Lord has been gracious to you.

I will walk before the Lord in the land of the living. For you have delivered my soul from death, delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, and my feet from falling; in the land of the living.

#### John 13:1-7, 31b-35

(New Testament, pages 107 and 108 your pew Bible)

#### SERMON

"That They Might Lovely Be" Guy D. Griffith

Focus 13:12b: "Do you understand what I have done for you?

(A moment for meditation)

#### **\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

We believe that at the Lord's Supper the community of believers is renewed by the memory of Christ's life and death, by his real presence in the power of the Holy Spirit, and by the promise of his coming again. Christ makes himself known to us in the breaking of bread.

He offers us his body broken for our sake, and his blood shed for the forgiveness of our sins. We accept his promises and gifts, and depend on his life to sustain ours.

In turn, we offer ourselves in thanksgiving to the risen Lord, who has conquered death. So we celebrate his victory here and now, and anticipate the joyous feast in his coming kingdom. Reunited around one loaf and cup, we receive strength and courage to continue our pilgrimage with God in the world. (From A Declaration of Faith)

## THE EUCHARIST

## **\*PREPARATION OF THE LORD'S TABLE**

### **\*INVITATION**

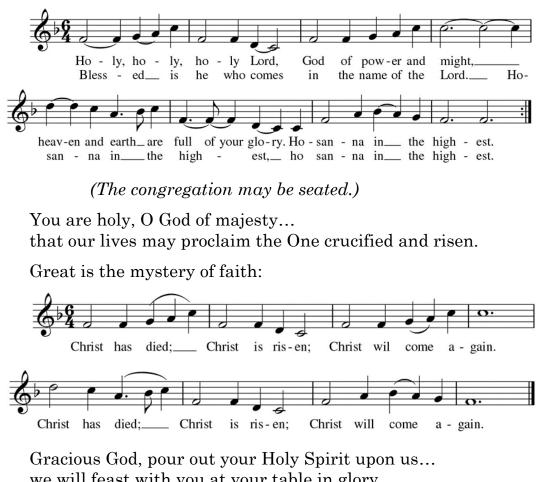
#### **\*GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

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.

It is truly our greatest joy... calling us again to turn to your ways.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with the celestial choirs, and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:



we will feast with you at your table in glory.

Through Christ, all glory and honor are yours, almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit in the holy church, now and forever.



#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

### **BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

#### **COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE**

(The people will move to the Communion stations as directed by the ushers. The celebrant will give each worshiper the bread. The worshiper dips the bread in the cup and partakes. An appropriate response is "Amen" or "Thanks be to God." Please return to the pews, using the side aisles.)

#### Music during Communion

Anthem	Ubi Caritas	Victor Johnson	
Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.		Where charity and love are, God is there.	
Congregavit nos in a	unum Christi amor.	The love of Christ has gathered us together.	
Exsultemus et in ips	so jucundemur.	Let us rejoice and be glad in it.	
Et ex corde diligame	us nos sincero.	And from a sincere heart let us love one another.	
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# PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

#### SENDING

#### About Hymn 202

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**\*HYMN 202** An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare O WALY WALY This hymn is located at the back of the bulletin.

## STRIPPING OF THE CHANCEL

(The final act of this service is the stripping of the Chancel. The stark, unadorned church reflects Jesus' abandonment during the night in the Garden of Gethsemane. As we depart the Sanctuary this evening in silence, we move from the celebration of the Lord's Supper to the crucifixion and death of Jesus. Symbolically, Jesus Christ, stripped of his power and glory, is now in the hands of his captors.)

#### CHARGE

Jesus said, "Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another."

Go in peace.

(Please depart the Sanctuary in silence.)

\*(Those who are able may stand.)

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# **OUR MISSION**

Ordinary people testifying to the extraordinary light found in our Lord Jesus Christ.

"For it is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness,' who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us."

(2 Corinthians 4:6-7)

# **TONIGHT@ WESTMINSTER**

# **Worship Leaders**

#### Preaching

The Rev. Dr. Guy D. Griffith Associate Pastor for Adult Education and Spiritual Nurture

#### Liturgist

Heidi Hudnut-Beumler Associate Pastor for Congregational Care

#### Music

Tintinnabulation, Keith Cole, Director Laudate Youth Choir

Dr. John Semingson Director of Music Ministries

The Rev. Dr. Carol Tate Interim Organist

# **About Maundy Thursday**

Maundy Thursday (from *mandatum*, Latin for commandment) proclaims Jesus' new commandment to love one another as he has loved us. It celebrates Christ's example of humble service and self-offering, represented by the washing of feet and the sharing of communion. The liturgy begins with an emphasis on confession and forgiveness, concluding the penitential season of Lent. It ends with the stripping of the church in preparation for worship on Good Friday.

JESUS CHRIST: PASSION AND DEATH



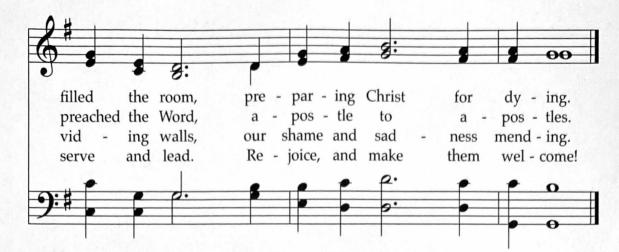
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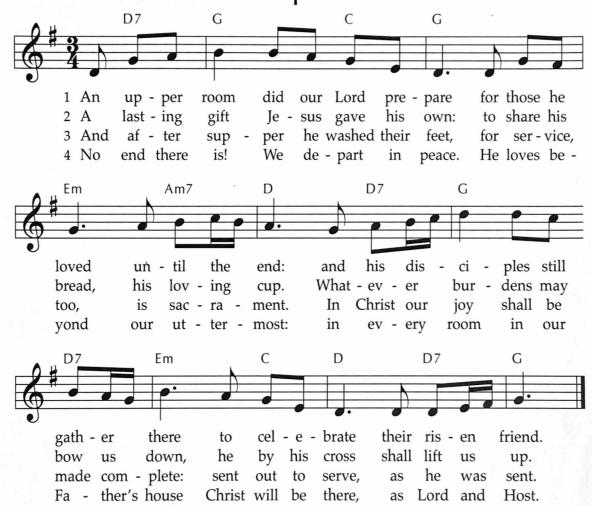
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