

A close-up photograph of water being poured from a wooden pitcher into a clear glass. The water is captured in mid-pour, creating a dynamic, flowing shape. The wooden pitcher has a warm, reddish-brown tone. The background is a blurred, textured surface, possibly a metal basin or another part of the pitcher, in shades of brown and grey.

**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.)*

*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.

**PRELUDE**

Communion Meditation

Douglas Wagner

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

*(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**

This hymn is located at the back of the bulletin.

*About Hymn 209*

## **CALL TO CONFESSION**

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)*

The opening line here could equally well have been a courtier's lament for a secret affair, but it soon becomes a path into a vivid and poignant reflection on Christ's Passion. This 17th-century text is beautifully embraced by its sensitive and lyrical 20th-century tune. TEXT: Samuel Crossman, 1664, alt.; MUSIC: John Ireland, 1918.

## 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:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,\_\_\_\_\_  
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.\_\_\_\_ Ho-  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
san - na in the high - est, ho san - na in the high - est.

*(The congregation may be seated.)*

You are holy, O God of majesty...  
that our lives may proclaim the One crucified and risen.

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died;\_\_\_\_ Christ is ris-en; Christ will come a - gain.  
Christ has died;\_\_\_\_ Christ is ris-en; Christ will come a - gain.

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us...  
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 unum Christi amor.*

The love of Christ has  
 gathered us together.

*Exsultemus et in ipso jucundemur.*

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

*Et ex corde diligamus 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

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### 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.)*

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*\*(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)*

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## 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.

## My Song Is Love Unknown 209

1 My song is love un - known, my Sav - ior's love to  
 2 He came from heav - en's throne sal - va - tion to be -  
 3 Some - times we strew his way, and his sweet prais - es  
 4 Un - heed - ing, we will have our dear Lord made a -  
 5 Here might I stay and sing, no sto - ry so di -

me, love to the love - less shown that they might love - ly  
 stow; the world that was his own would not its Sav - ior  
 sing, re - sound - ing all the day ho - san - nas to our  
 way, a mur - der - er to save, the prince of life to  
 vine: nev - er was love, dear King, nev - er was grief like

be. O who am I that for my sake my  
 know. But O my Friend, my Friend in - deed, who  
 King. Then "Cru - ci - fy!" is all our breath, and  
 slay. Yet stead - fast he to suf - fer - ing goes, that  
 thine. This is my Friend, in whose sweet praise I

Lord should take frail flesh, and die?  
 at my need his life did spend!  
 for his death we thirst and cry.  
 he his foes from thence might free.  
 all my days could glad - ly spend.

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# An Upper Room Did Our Lord 202

## Prepare



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2 A last - ing gift Je - sus gave his own: to share his  
3 And af - ter sup - per he washed their feet, for ser - vice,  
4 No end there is! We de - part in peace. He loves be -



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bread, his lov - ing cup. What - ev - er bur - dens may  
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made com - plete: sent out to serve, as he was sent.  
Fa - ther's house Christ will be there, as Lord and Host.

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filled the room, pre - par - ing Christ for dy - ing.  
 preached the Word, a - pos - tle to a - pos - tles.  
 vid - ing walls, our shame and sad - ness mend - ing.  
 serve and lead. Re - joice, and make them wel - come!

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