

EVENING WORSHIP

April 18, 2019

Half past Six O'Clock

Maundy Thursday Celebration of the Sacrament of Holy Communion

*When the organ begins, please prepare for worship through silent prayer and meditation.
Following the service, greet one another with joy and affection!*

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

+WELCOME AND NOTICES

PRELUDE *Beneath the Cross of Jesus* arr. Wihla Huston
CHORAL INTROIT "Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life" (GERMANY)

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Amid all good things competing for our attention, where shall we go to find bread?
Congregation: We come to the upper room, seeking a table prepared for Jesus' disciples.
Leader: Among all the activities we can choose, where shall we invest our time and efforts?
Congregation: The church invites our discipleship, calling us into the body of Christ.
Leader: Among all who claim our loyalty, who encompasses the whole of life and truth?
Congregation: God in Christ offers us wholeness, bringing all the pieces of our lives together.

+* HYMN 101 "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" (HAMBURG)

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

Ever precious God, we gather this evening hour as friends gathered with Jesus in an upper room long ago. We come bearing the marks of a bitter and broken world. We come from many different places, with dry and thirsty spirits. Remind us in the breaking of the bread of our need and of Your sufficiency. Refresh us and make us whole with the cup of forgiveness. Draw us nearer to each other in mutual service and closer to You in the covenant of faithfulness and thanksgiving. As the night advances, deepen in us a sense of Your steadfast love for us in Jesus Christ, our friend and redeemer. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

John 3:16-17

Leader: "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God sent the Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him." The good news is that we depend not on ourselves, but on the Spirit of God to give us vitality.
Congregation: Thanks be to God. Amen.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSON John 15 (selected verses), pew Bible, p. 983
SERMON "Last Words" Rush Otey

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "Holy Is the Lord" Franz Schubert

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

*HYMN 513

"Let Us Break Bread Together"

(LET US BREAK BREAD)

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, CONCLUDING WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER

DISTRIBUTION OF BREAD AND WINE

(At the direction of the ushers, please come forward down the center aisle to the table, returning by the side aisles.)

COMMUNION ANTHEM

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

arr. Gilbert Martin

LITANY OF THE PEOPLE

Leader: Jesus can deliver us when we are tempted to abandon the struggle.
In our hour of trial, when we are beset by an enemy,

Congregation: help us to remember You, O Lord, in Your hour of trial.

Leader: When we are betrayed for personal gain,

Congregation: help us to remember You, O Lord.

Leader: When we are left to face a crisis alone,

Congregation: help us to remember You, O Lord.

Leader: When we see a stranger where we had expected a friend,

Congregation: help us to remember You, O Lord.

Leader: In our hour of trial, when others have done to us their worst,

Congregation: help us to remember You, O Lord, in Your hour of trial, and how that nothing in life or death was able to separate You from the love of God. Amen.

THE SERVICE OF TENEBRAE

First Word Luke 23:24

Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.

Second Word Luke 23:43

Truly, thou shalt be this day with me in Paradise!

Third Word John 19:26

Woman, behold this now is thy son!

Fourth Word Matthew 27:46, Mark 15:34

God, my Father, why hast thou forsaken me?

Fifth Word John 19:28

I am thirsty.

Sixth Word Luke 23:46

Father, into thy hands do I commend my spirit.

Seventh Word John 19:30

It is finished!

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN 102

"Were You There?"

(WERE YOU THERE)

(Please process in silence outdoors to the front of the sanctuary, where a prayer will be offered in front of the cross.)

*Those who are able, please stand.

+Ushers may seat late worshipers.

The entire offering tonight will go to the One Great Hour of Sharing, a Presbyterian and ecumenical response toward alleviating hunger, providing medical care, and reaching out to victims of disasters and wars.

EASTER SUNDAY SERVICES, APRIL 21

8:30am Early Easter Worship Service (Sanctuary)
9:30 Community Gathering in the Fellowship Hall
10:30am Easter Worship Service (Sanctuary)

SELWYN AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WARMLY WELCOMES ALL WHO VISIT

Please take a moment to sign the registry of friendship as it is passed along your pew so that you may be greeted and greet others by name. If you are actively searching for a new church home, we invite you to fill out the card in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate.

Membership is by one of three paths: 1) profession of faith in Jesus Christ (for those who have never been part of a Christian church); 2) re-affirmation of faith (for those who formerly were part of a congregation but have not been involved in recent times - for example, you were baptized and/or confirmed but moved and never engaged with a new congregation); or 3) transfer of membership from another congregation (your membership is with another church).

New members and prospective members are invited to participate in Orientation Classes, which are scheduled several times a year, and are a wonderful way to meet others and learn about our church and all the opportunities here. We always stand ready to be in communication with you about your particular situation. The contact information for all staff members is in the bulletin each week.

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