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All members of the congregation

The Celebration of Worship Maundy Thursday

March 29, 2018

7:00 PM

A warm welcome is extended to all who worship here today.
Large print hymnals, Bibles, hearing devices,
and information about child care are available from any usher.

If your hearing aid has a button for telephone use, turn it on now
to receive sound directly to your hearing aid.
All children are welcome and encouraged to participate in worship.



The asterisks (*) invite you to stand in body or in spirit.

We Gather

TIME FOR PREPARATION

I love the Lord, because he has heard my voice and my supplications. Because he inclined his ear to me,
therefore I will call on him as long as I live.

What shall I return to the Lord for all his bounty to me? I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the
name of the Lord, I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people. Precious in the sight
of the Lord is the death of his faithful ones. O Lord, I am your servant; I am your servant, the child of
your serving girl. You have loosed my bonds. I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice and call on the
name of the Lord. I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people, in the courts of the
house of the Lord, in your midst, O Jerusalem. Praise the Lord!

Psalm 116:1-2; 12-19

PRELUDE

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

We Praise God

CALL TO WORSHIP

Bill McCoy

*HYMN 494

Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts

QUEBEC

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Christian Johnson

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Ginna Taylor

Leader: Our God, Whose love gave us this night of remembering failure,

All: forgive us for leaving You, for ignoring others, for not letting Your love in us have its way.

Leader: Cleanse us. Open us so that the love may flow freely in and out,

All: for the sake of the world, which needs forgiveness and healing.

We pray with Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Please continue to pray silently.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

WELCOME AND CELEBRATION OF FRIENDSHIP

Bill McCoy

*PASSING THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

*HYMN 738

O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

MARYTON

We Declare Our Faith

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Ginna Taylor

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

HYMN 581

*Glory be to the Father; and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost,
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.*

We Give Thanks to God

OFFERINGS OF THE PEOPLE

Offertory

*Doxology

*Praise God from Whom all blessings flow, Praise Him all creatures here below,
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host, Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Christian Johnson

Heavenly Father, You are the true master of our lives. By humbly washing the feet of His disciples, Jesus gave us the ultimate example of Christian service. We are now called to be Your servants and to love each other as we have been loved by Jesus. May these gifts serve as a vessel to wash away fear and distrust and bathe Your children in love. Amen.

The Word is Proclaimed

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 50:4-9a; Pew Bible, OT, p. 681

Christian Johnson

EPISTLE LESSON

Hebrews 12:1-3; Pew Bible, NT, p. 226

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 18:10-14; Pew Bible, NT, p. 20

Bill McCoy

SERMON

FAVORITE THINGS:
It Is Not the Will of My Father

Bill McCoy

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Table

Salutation: The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Sursum Corda: Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.
Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.
It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Sanctus:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of hosts!
Heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - - - ry.
Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord most high.

Eucharistic Prayer and 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.

Distribution of the Elements

Gluten-free wafers are available at each station.

Anthem for Communion

Draw Us In the Spirit's Tether

Harold Friedell

*Draw us in the Spirit's tether,
For when humbly, in Thy name, two or three are met together, Thou art in the midst of them.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Touch we now Thy garment's hem.*

*As the faithful used to gather in the name of Christ to sup,
Then with thanks to God the Father break the bread and bless the cup,
Alleluia! Alleluia! So knit Thou our friendship up.*

*All our meals and all our living make as sacraments of Thee,
That by caring, helping, giving, we may true disciples be.
Alleluia! Alleluia! We will serve Thee faithfully.*

The Geneva Choir

*HYMN 215

What Wondrous Love is This

WONDROUS LOVE

*THE STRIPPING OF THE LORD'S TABLE

*DEPART IN SILENCE

We gather to worship,
We scatter to serve,
In the relentless love of Christ.

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**Please join us for worship tomorrow, Good Friday, at 12:10 p.m. in the chapel
and on Easter Sunday at 10:30 a.m. in the sanctuary.**

One Great Hour of Sharing offering is received on Easter Sunday: Around the world, millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity. The three programs supported by One Great Hour of Sharing — Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People — all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope. One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) helps to improve the lives of people in these challenging situations. This offering provides us a way to share God's love with our neighbors in need. In fact, OGHS is the single, largest way that Presbyterians come together every year to work for a better world.

One Great Hour of Sharing



Together, we make a difference.