

Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Maundy Thursday

March 24, 2016

OPENING RESPONSES

In remembrance, we gather:

**To be with the one who teaches us
the meaning of faithfulness.**

In remembrance, we worship:

**Lifting our voices to the one
who calls us to love one another.**

In remembrance, we feast:

**breaking the bread which makes us whole,
drinking the cup which fills us with grace.**

EVENING PRAYER

Lord's Prayer

SONG

An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare

Hymn #202

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF FORGIVENESS

Creator and loving God,
you kneel to wash our feet,

Yet we are reluctant for you to see the wounds and scrapes

**of all the places we have run to
in our attempts to escape you.**

You would bathe us in the warm, living waters of your love,

yet we splash and play in the puddles of temptation.

We have received all the gifts you have to offer,

**Yet are tempted to think they are only for us
rather than for sharing.**

Forgive us, Holy One, and have mercy on us.

God, what can we give you

for all your wonderful graciousness towards us:

**As you have broken your heart for us,
may we open ours to serve others.**

**As you have given your life for us,
may we offer ours to bring healing to the world.**

**As you have called us together around your table,
may we go forth to feed a world hungry,
not only for food,
but for that spirit which brings peace and reconciliation.**

**This we pray as servants of Jesus Christ,
who came to serve us
in life, death, in resurrection hope.**

(time of silence)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

On this holiest of nights,

we have received the Good News:

God has come in Christ Jesus to fill us with hope and peace,
to bathe us in grace and mercy.

**In remembrance, we go forth:
to bring hope where despair has taken up residence.
To be servants to those who are broken.
To love as selflessly as we are loved by Jesus Christ,
our Lord and Savior.
Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 12:1-14

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The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

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The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

SONG

In Deepest Night

Hymn 785

READERS' THEATER

John 13:1-17, 31b-35

MEDITATION

SONG

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

Hymn 203

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

GREAT THANKSGIVING

May the God of Last Suppers be with you.

And also with you.

Open your hearts to God this night.

We open them to the one whose heart is broken this night.

In the midst of uncertainty and fears, we will praise God.

**Our thanks are offered to the one
who walks and waits for us
through the long nights.**

...forever singing your praises:

**Holy, holy, holy are you,
God of towel and basins.
We join heaven and earth in praising your name.
Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is the one who became a servant for us.
Hosanna in the highest!**

...we remember that mystery called faith:

**In remembrance, we mourn Christ's death.
In remembrance, we look to the day of resurrection.
In remembrance, we await his return.**

SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

Sing together: Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION

DRAPING OF THE CROSS

DEPARTING SONG O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

Vince Leseney, Stephen Wurst

The Christ candle will depart the sanctuary during the song. Worshippers may follow out the cross as they are ready.

An offering plate is located in the narthex of the church, outside the sanctuary doors. You are invited to leave an offering there. May we give to God all that matters to us.