

First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day

Maundy Thursday

April 1, 2021

7:30 p.m.

Words of Welcome

Prelude

“Ah, Holy Jesus”

arr. John Carter

Call to Worship

This is a day of remembrance for us.

We lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.

Through the generations we have received and handed on
what the Lord has given to us:

***water for washing, the towel of service,
the bread of his body, the cup of the new covenant.***

* Hymn 836

“Abide with Me”

- 1 Abide with me: fast falls the eventide.
The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide!
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
help of the helpless, O abide with me.
- 2 Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;
earth's joys grow dim; its glories pass away;
change and decay in all around I see.
O thou who changest not, abide with me.
- 3 I need thy presence every passing hour;
what but thy grace can foil the tempter's power?
Who, like thyself, my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, Lord, abide with me.
- 4 I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;
ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still, if thou abide with me.
- 5 Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes;
shine through the gloom and point me to the skies.
Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
in life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

* Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession

***Eternal God, whose covenant with us is never broken,
we confess that we fail to fulfill your will.***

***Though you have bound yourself to us,
we will not bind ourselves to you.***

***In Jesus Christ you serve us freely,
but we refuse your love and withhold ourselves from others.***

***We do not love you fully or love one another as you command.
In your mercy, forgive and cleanse us.***

***Restore us to you and one another,
and unite us to Christ, who is the bread of life
and the vine from which we grow in grace.***

Silent Confession

Kyrie 575

***Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.***

Assurance of Pardon and Passing the Peace

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 *followed by silent reflection*

For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Second Lesson: Mark 14:17-25

When it was evening, he came with the twelve. And when they had taken their places and were eating, Jesus said, 'Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me, one who is eating with me.' They began to be distressed and to say to him one after another, 'Surely, not I?' He said to them, 'It is one of the twelve, one who is dipping bread into the bowl with me. For the Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that one by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that one not to have been born.'

While they were eating, he took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to them, and said, 'Take; this is my body.' Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, and all of them drank from it. He said to them, 'This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. Truly I tell you, I will never again drink of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God.'

Sermon: "Covenant in a Cup" *followed by silent reflection*

Rev. Carter

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Prayer of Thanksgiving and 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.**

Communion of the People

Prayer after Communion

Offering

Offertory

Stripping of the Table

“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”

arr. Johann Walther

THE SERVICE OF TENEBRAE (SHADOWS)

The Shadow of Foreboding: Mark 14:26-31

Refrain: ***Stay with me; remain here with me; watch and pray. Watch and pray.***

The Shadow of Agitated Prayer: Mark 14:32-42 *followed by the refrain*

The Shadow of Betrayal: Mark 14:43-50 *followed by the refrain*

The Shadow of False Witness: Mark 14:53-65 *followed by the refrain*

The Shadow of Denial: Mark 14:66-72 *followed by the refrain*

The Shadow of Accusation: Mark 15:1-5 *followed by the refrain*

The Shadow of Condemnation: Mark 15:6-15 *followed by the refrain*

Tolling of the Bell

Dismissal

Please depart in silence.

* All who are able shall stand.

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