

Everybody's  Church
First Presbyterian Church of Birmingham



Maundy Thursday, March 28, 2024

Service of Worship

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Vision Statement

As Everybody's Church we commit ourselves to serving Christ by cultivating mission, inclusion and community.

Inclusion Statement

As Everybody's Church we strive to be a faithful, open and inclusive community. We welcome the full participation of all people of any ability, gender identity, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation or any other life circumstance.

GATHERING MUSIC

"Lament"

Charles Callahan

WELCOME

Rev. Lou Nyiri

CALL TO WORSHIP

- One: A table is set before us. A feast is prepared for us.
- All: A meal of bread and cup.**
- One: The Lord calls us to this supper of remembrance.
- All: The Lord calls us to serve and to be served.**
- One: As we break the bread and share the cup,
- All: our understanding may fail us.**
- One: But we will never forget Christ's example.
- All: We will never forget the full extent of his love.**

HYMN 202

"An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare"

OPENING PRAYER

- One: We love you, Lord. You hear us.
You listen to our prayers.
- All: You have always heard us
whenever we've called to you.**
- One: Though death tries to bind us
and the gates of hell open before us,
- All: we will call on the Lord's name for deliverance.**
- One: You are full of grace and righteousness.
- All: Lord, you are full of compassion!**
- One: You have saved us and preserved us, God.
- All: We rest in your love and care.**
- One: How can we repay you, Lord,
for the gifts you've showered upon us?
- All: We offer our thanksgiving to you
before all your people!**
- One: O praise the Lord!
- All: Praise be to God! Amen.**

†When this symbol precedes an element of the service, please rise in body or in spirit.

Please join in reading those parts of the service printed in **bold**.

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RESPONSE

“Live in Charity”

Live in char - i - ty and stead - fast love.
 Live in char - i - ty God will dwell - with you.

CALL TO CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Loving Christ, on that night long ago,
 you knew that your hour had come.
 Youth: You knew full well what lay ahead of you.
 Men: Your disciples loved you and followed you,
 but they had also failed you.
 Women: They would fail you yet again that night,
 and one would betray you.
 One: We have also loved you and followed you.
All: We have also failed you,
 and we cannot comprehend the love that you show us,
 the love that is our example,
 the love that tells us to do
 as you have done for us.
 Youth: May we be like you, Master, servants of all.
 Adults: May all see how we long to be your faithful disciples.
All: May all see how we love each other,
 just as you have loved us. In your holy name we pray. Amen.

Confession acknowledges the reality of sin in our personal and corporate lives. This practice relieves us from the burden of sin and reminds us of the promise of God’s forgiveness and grace sealed in our baptism.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

RESPONSE 551

“Lord, Have Mercy”

Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have
 (A) (D/F#) (F#m) (G) (A) (Bm)
 C F/A Am Bb C Dm
 mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy;
 (G) (D) (A) (Bm) (Em7) (A) (Dsus) (D)
 Bb F C Dm Gm7 C Fsus F
 Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

FIRST READING

John 13:31-35

The word of the Lord.
 Thanks be to God!

SUNG MEDITATION

“Ubi Caritas”
Chancel Choir Ensemble

John Michael Trotta

SECOND READING

Luke 22:7-23

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

MEDITATION

“Family Dinner”

Rev. Lou Nyiri

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

One: This table is not ours. The feast before us was prepared for us. We are not welcomed because we have accomplished something, but rather because God, who loves us, is the one who invites us and prepares a place for each of us. We come to this table of grace.

All: Come to the table of grace. Come to the table of grace.

Youth: This is God’s table; it’s not yours or mine.
Come to the table of grace.

One: Here at this table, we are made one with all who follow Jesus, from every time and from every place. Here nothing divides; here we are whole. We come to the table of peace:

All: Come to the table of peace. Come to the table of peace.

Youth: This is God’s table; it’s not yours or mine.
Come to the table of peace.

One: We come this table because God so loved the world that he gave his only son. Jesus was God’s love walking in the world. This table is filled with that same love given for us. We come to the table of love.

All: Come to the table of love. Come to the table of love.

Youth: This is God’s table; it’s not yours or mine.
Come to the table of love.

One: We come to this table and know the promise that one day we will sit together and no one will be hungry or thirsty or afraid. We share this feast in hope of that day. We come to the table of hope.

All: Come to the table of hope. Come to the table of hope.

Youth: This is God’s table; it’s not yours or mine.
Come to the table of hope.

One: We remember the upper room and the feast Jesus shared with the disciples. We also remember that when he was raised, it was when he shared bread with them that they recognized him. Siblings in Christ: This is the joyful feast of the people of God!

All: Come to the table of joy. Come to the table of joy.

Youth: This is God’s table; it’s not yours or mine.
Come to the table of joy.

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Leader: With all the faithful of every time and place,
this song is sung to God's glory:

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

All: 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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE FAITHFUL

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION "If You Love Me" Larson
Chancel Choir Ensemble

THIRD READING Matthew 26:36-46

HYMN 220 "Go to Dark Gethsemane"

BENEDICTION

Andrew Herbruck, Director of Music Ministries, is playing the service.

Visitors, thank you for joining us today; please use this QR code to register your attendance:



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An Upper Room Did Our Lord 202

Prepare



1 An up - per room did our Lord pre - pare for those he
 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 -



loved un - til the end: and his dis - ci - ples still
 bread, his lov - ing cup. What - ev - er bur - dens may
 too, is sac - ra - ment. In Christ our joy shall be
 yond our ut - ter - most: in ev - ery room in our



gath - er there to cel - e - brate their ris - en friend.
 bow us down, he by his cross shall lift us up.
 made com - plete: sent out to serve, as he was sent.
 Fa - ther's house Christ will be there, as Lord and Host.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This text brings together the two New Testament traditions regarding Jesus' final evening with his disciples: the Synoptic account of the Last Supper (Matthew 26:26–29/Mark 14:22–25/Luke 22:14–20) and the Fourth Gospel's report of his washing the disciples' feet (John 13:3–17).

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1 Go to dark Geth - sem - a - ne, all who feel the
 2 Fol - low to the judg - ment hall; view the Lord of
 3 Cal - vary's mourn - ful moun - tain climb; there, a - dor - ing
 4 Ear - ly has - ten to the tomb where they laid his

tempt - er's power; your Re - deem - er's con - flict see;
 life ar - rained; O the worm - wood and the gall!
 at his feet, mark that mir - a - cle of time,
 breath - less clay: all is sol - i - tude and gloom.

watch with him one bit - ter hour; turn not from his
 O the pangs his soul sus - tained! Shun not suf - fering,
 God's own sac - ri - fice com - plete; "It is fin - ished!"
 Who has tak - en him a - way? Christ is risen! He

griefs a - way; learn from Je - sus Christ to pray.
 shame, or loss; learn from him to bear the cross.
 hear him cry; learn from Je - sus Christ to die.
 meets our eyes. Sav - ior, teach us so to rise.

The composer intended this tune for "Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me" (no. 438), but its solemn tone and small range make it an effective setting for this series of somber vignettes portraying what Christians can learn from Christ: to pray, to bear the cross, to die, and to rise.

Complete your Lenten Journey.

Join us for Good Friday and Easter Sunday:

Good Friday, March 29

7:00 PM

Easter Sunday, March 31

10:00 AM

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