

MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
MARCH 28, 2024



Gathering Up

Music for Centering - a time to prayerfully prepare oneself for worship

“What Wondrous Love Is This”

arr. Douglas E. Wagner

Welcome and Invitation

Upending

***Call to Worship**

Leader: This is a day of remembrance for us.

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

Leader: Throughout the generations ... Lord has given to us:

People: Water for washing; the towel of service.

Leader: The bread of his body; the cup of the new covenant;

People: Proclaiming the Lord's death until Christ returns.

***Hymn** “An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare” (verses 1 & 2)

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We Acknowledge What's Up

***Call to Confession**

When I am down and, oh my soul, so weary
When troubles come and my heart burdened be
Then, I am still and wait here in the silence
Until You come and sit awhile with me
You raise me up, so I can stand on mountains
You raise me up, to walk on stormy seas
I am strong, when I am on Your shoulders
You raise me up to more than I can be

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***Prayer of Confession**

Upending God, we live, as Jesus did, in times that teeter on the brink of catastrophe. At times we are stuck in our seats, hanging on for dear life to things that we mistake for security and keep us tied to the way things are, even if they aren't for the good. In this moment of quiet, we lift up to you those things we'd like to give up for good...for the sake of the good. Amen. (Silent prayer of confession.)

***Assurance of Pardon**

Leader: In the name of Christ, you are forgiven.

People: In the name of Christ, you are forgiven. Glory to God, Amen!

***Response Hymn**

“Change My Heart, O God”

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The Word Uplifts

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

John 13:1-17, 31-35

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“When Love is Up-Ended!”

Pastor Steve Watters

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

(We will be receiving communion by coming forward to one of the two stations on each side of the communion table. Please exit the pews to the center aisle and return to the pews from the outside aisles. An elder or deacon will be available to serve communion to those who wish to remain seated. Gluten-free bread can be found on the communion table.)

Invitation to the Lord’s Table

***Hymn of Invitation**

“An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare” (verses 3 & 4)

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The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader: It is truly right ... who forever sing to the glory of your name:

People: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Leader: You are holy ... Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

**People: Dying you destroyed our death, rising you restored our life.
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

Leader: Gracious God ... now and forever. Amen.

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.

Breaking of the Bread

Ritual of Upending

Communion of the People

Prayer after Communion

Gracious God, may we who have received this sacrament live in the unity of your Holy Spirit, that we may show forth your gifts to all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Sending of God's People

***Closing Hymn**

"Amazing Grace"

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Blessing for the Journey

Stripping of the Church

Reading of Psalm 22

Proceed in silence to the Parlor

Pastors: Steve Watters
Rev. Désirée M. Youngblood
Dr. Mark A. Johnson

Music Director: Thomas Lloyd
Organist: Carol Welk