

**GATHERING**

*Thank you, God, for being with me today. For that I praise you! I am your servant, God, for you have unloosed my bonds. Forgive any times today when I forgot to walk in your ways. Now as I turn to sleep, my soul is at rest, for I trust in your mercy, secure in the promise that I am precious to you. Amen.*

**WORDS OF WELCOME****PRELUDE**

What Wondrous Love Is This

P. Manz

**\* CALL TO WORSHIP**

Jesus said, "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another.

**Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.**

By this everyone will know that you are my disciples,  
**if we have love for one another."**

**\* HYMN 202**

An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare

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**CONFESSION AND PARDON**

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**Holy and gracious God, our sin is too heavy to bear. Trusting in your mercy, we lay before you the truth of who we are.**

**We confess our failure to love as Christ loved . . .**

**We confess our covetousness and greed . . .**

**We confess our weakness before temptation . . .**

**We confess our frailty before the challenges of this world . . .**

**Merciful God, forgive us. Heal us, and make us whole, for the sake of your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Now, O Lord, transform us as we continue our confession in silence.**

**LORD, HAVE MERCY (Hymn 551)**

LAND OF REST

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

**DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

Friends, Believe the Good News of the Gospel.

**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

**THE WORD****PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION****OLD TESTAMENT READING**

Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19 (NRSV)

This is the Word of the Lord.

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**Thanks be to God.**

**ANTHEM**

Is There Anybody Here That Loves My Jesus

U. S. Moore

*Rebecca Ruescher, soprano*

*Is there anybody here that loves my Jesus? Anybody here that loves my Lord? I want to know, do you love my Jesus? I want to know, do you love my Lord? Although you see me goin' along so, I have my trials here below. This world's a wilderness of woe; so let us all to glory go. Is there anybody here, I want to know, do you love my Lord?*

GOSPEL READING

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John 13:1-17, 31b-35 (NRSV)

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MEDITATION

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RESPONDING

\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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; on 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.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY SOLO

Pange lingua gloriasum

St. Thomas Aquinas

Rebecca Ruescher, soprano

*Pange, lingua, gloriósi  
Córporis mystérium,  
Sanguinisque pretiósí,  
Quem in mundi prétium  
Fructus ventris generósi  
Rex effúdit géntium.*

*Nobis datus, nobis natus  
Ex intácta Vírgine,  
Et in mundo conversátus,  
Sparso verbi sémine,  
Sui moras incolátus  
Miro clausit órđine.*

*In supréma nocte coenæ  
Recúbens cum frátribus  
Observáta lege plene  
Cibis in legálibus,  
Cibum turbæ duodénæ  
Se dat suis mánibus.*

*Verbum caro, panem verum  
Verbo carnem efficit:  
Fitque sanguis Christi merum,  
Et si sensus déficit,  
Ad firmándum cor sincérum  
Sola fides súfficit.*

*Tantum ergo sacraméntum  
Venerémur cérnui:  
Et antiquum documéntum  
Novo cedat rítui:  
Præstet fides suppleméntum  
Sénsuum deféctui.*

*Genitóri, Genitóque  
Laus et jubilátio,  
Salus, honor, virtus quoque  
Sit et benedíctio:  
Procedénti ab utróque  
Compar sit laudátio.  
Amen. Alleluja.*

*Sing, my tongue, the Saviour's glory,  
Of His Flesh, the mystery sing;  
Of the Blood, all price exceeding,  
Shed by our Immortal King,  
Destined, for the world's redemption,  
From a noble Womb to spring.*

*Of a pure and spotless Virgin  
Born for us on earth below,  
He, as Man, with man conversing,  
Stayed, the seeds of truth to sow;  
Then He closed in solemn order  
Wondrously His Life of woe.*

*On the night of that Last Supper,  
Seated with His chosen band,  
He, the Paschal Victim eating,  
First fulfils the Law's command;  
Then as Food to all his brethren  
Gives Himself with His own Hand.*

*Word-made-Flesh, the bread of nature  
By His Word to Flesh He turns;  
Wine into His Blood He changes:  
What though sense no change discerns.  
Only be the heart in earnest,  
Faith her lesson quickly learns.*

*Down in adoration falling,  
Lo, the sacred Host we hail,  
Lo, o'er ancient forms departing  
Newer rites of grace prevail:  
Faith for all defects supplying,  
When the feeble senses fail.*

*To the Everlasting Father  
And the Son who comes on high  
With the Holy Ghost proceeding  
Forth from each eternally,  
Be salvation, honor, blessing,  
Might and endless majesty.  
Amen. Alleluia.*

\* **DOXOLOGY**

Hymn 606

*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 THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

\* **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.**

**INVITATION TO THE TABLE**

**SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

(Gluten-Free Bread)

**SENDING**

\* **HYMN 220**

Go to Dark Gethsemane

REDHEAD 76

*After the hymn, please be seated.*

**STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR**

Psalm 22

**BENEDICTION**

*Depart in God's peace and silence.*

**THIS EVENING IN WORSHIP**

**WORSHIP LEADERS:** Mark Hults, Fred Lundy, Scott Stuart

**DIRECTOR OF MUSIC AND ORGANIST:** Mitch Rorick

**ELDER ON DUTY:** Rachel Coffey

**USHERS:** Roger Bachmann, Paul Bennett, Mary Lou Schubert, Carol Turner

**AUDIO VISUAL TEAM:** Kaylee Bleeker, Kim de Fretes, Dink Henderson, John Rayl

*All of Holy Week points toward the passion – the death and resurrection of Christ. We are provided with an opportunity to undertake a pilgrimage of renewed commitment and joy; to travel Christ's path of servanthood, through the Lord's Supper and the suffering of the cross, as we move toward Easter. Our joy during the great festival of resurrection will be enhanced by engaging in each step of this week's journey.*

*On Palm Sunday we celebrated the triumphant entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. Tonight we keep the feast that Jesus shared with his disciples on the night of his arrest, we remember his new commandment to love one another even as he has loved us, and we turn with him to face the cross, where he gave his life for us and our salvation.*

# 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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**OLD TESTAMENT READING**

Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19 (NRSV)

<sup>1</sup>I love the Lord, because he has heard my voice and my supplications. <sup>2</sup>Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.

<sup>12</sup>What shall I return to the Lord for all his bounty to me? <sup>13</sup>I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord, <sup>14</sup>I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people. <sup>15</sup>Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his faithful ones. <sup>16</sup>O Lord, I am your servant; I am your servant, the child of your serving girl. You have loosed my bonds. <sup>17</sup>I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice and call on the name of the Lord. <sup>18</sup>I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people, <sup>19</sup>in the courts of the house of the Lord, in your midst, O Jerusalem. Praise the Lord!

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL READING**

John 13:1-17, 31b-35 (NRSV)

<sup>1</sup>Now before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart out of this world to the Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. <sup>2</sup>During supper, when the devil had already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him, <sup>3</sup>Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going back to God, <sup>4</sup>rose from supper. He laid aside his outer garments, and taking a towel, tied it around his waist. <sup>5</sup>Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was wrapped around him. <sup>6</sup>He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, do you wash my feet?" <sup>7</sup>Jesus answered him, "What I am doing you do not understand now, but afterward you will understand." <sup>8</sup>Peter said to him, "You shall never wash my feet." Jesus answered him, "If I do not wash you, you have no share with me." <sup>9</sup>Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" <sup>10</sup>Jesus said to him, "The one who has bathed does not need to wash, except for his feet, but is completely clean. And you are clean, but not every one of you." <sup>11</sup>For he knew who was to betray him; that was why he said, "Not all of you are clean." <sup>12</sup>When he had washed their feet and put on his outer garments and resumed his place, he said to them, "Do you understand what I have done to you? <sup>13</sup>You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am. <sup>14</sup>If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. <sup>15</sup>For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you. <sup>16</sup>Truly, truly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. <sup>17</sup>If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them.

<sup>31b</sup>"Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. <sup>32</sup>If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. <sup>33</sup>Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' <sup>34</sup>I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. <sup>35</sup>By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

# 220 Go to Dark Gethsemane

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.

## Holy Week at First Presbyterian Church

### April 18 • Good Friday

*The Seven Last Words of Christ*  
Worship 6:30 p.m.

### Saturday, April 19

Alleluia Choir Rehearsal  
9:30 Sanctuary

Easter Egg Hunt  
10 a.m. Gordon Hall

### April 20 • Easter Sunday


*John 20:1-18*  
8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.  
in the Sanctuary  
with Holy Communion  
choir, brass, and percussion  
and 11 a.m. on our YouTube Channel

\*The Prelude starts at 8:20 and 10:50 a.m.

\*\*Please bring fresh flowers to add to the  
flowering of the cross in the churchyard.

Nursery care begins at 10:25 a.m.

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