Community Presbyterian Church

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Welcome to worship this evening! Bulletin Cue: Bold indicates congregational response.

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD OF GOD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS - Help in using Google Meet for worship

PRELUDE

OPENING PRAYER

Little children, I am with you only a little longer, Jesus says.

We come to draw near to God, to rest in the gathering darkness, to remember, to grieve, to listen for the Spirit.

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

We gather, house by house, person by person,

but one in spirit, one family of love,

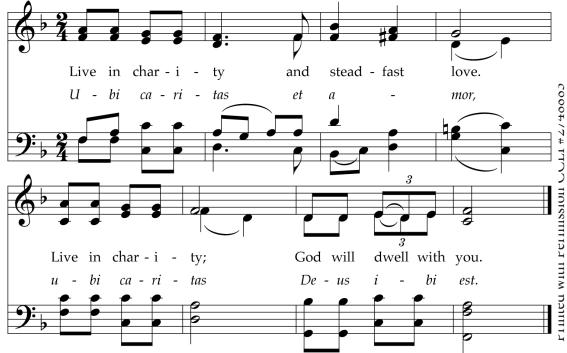
to kneel at the feet of our friends, to learn the way of sacrifice and service.

Jesus' hour has come to depart from this world.

Our hour has come to wait, to watch, and to pray.

Let us worship the One who loves us to the end. Amen

OPENING HYMN GTG 205 Ubi Caritas sing in latin, english, then latin again



Traditionally, Christians carry the soul-cleansing work of self-examination throughout Lent. On Maundy Thursday, that weight is lifted fully and completely. We are not only forgiven, we are redeemed. Like the ancient Israelites, we are released from bondage. Soul and spirit, unleashed from inward scrutiny, bend instead in service, obedient to the ancient and utterly new commandment: "Love one another."

SCRIPTURE READING Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14

This passage describes preparations for the meal that preceded the Hebrew people's escape from slavery in Egypt, and the reasons for each part of the meal. This is the basis for the Passover supper shared by Jesus and his disciples on the night before his death. The same rituals are symbolically re-enacted by faithful Jews to the present day.

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it.

This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the Lord. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the Lord. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

REFLECTION

RESPONSIVE READING an adaptation of Psalm 116

Men: I love the One who has heard my voice and listened to my prayer,

Who has not betrayed my trust:

Women: Therefore, I will call on my God as long as I live.

Men: When the fear of death encompassed me; when loneliness and isolation

quenched my spirit; I suffered distress and anguish.

Women: When I called, "Holy One, I pray, save my life!"

Men: Our God is gracious and righteous, full of tender love.

When I was fearful and despairing, the Beloved saved me.

Women: Return, O my soul, to your rest; be at peace,

Men: For God has delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears,

my feet from stumbling.

Women: How can I show my gratitude for all I have received?

Men: I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the Beloved name;

In the presence of the faithful I will fulfill my vows.

Women: Remember your love for all you have made,

Your grief for those who suffer and die.

Men: Gracious One, you are kind to call me friend;

You have freed me from the bonds of fear.

Women: I offer you the gift of my gratitude, the devotion of a thankful heart.

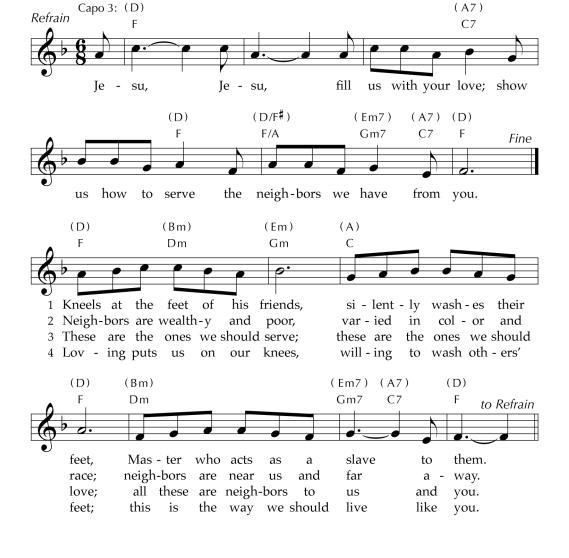
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GOSPEL READING John 13:1-17, 31b-35

Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" Jesus said to him, "One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you." For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean." After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.

When Judas had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. 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.' 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 you have love for one another."

HYMN GTG 203 Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love



REFLECTION

JOYS AND CONCERNS/PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God, our Savior,

hear our prayer.

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.

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

For our forgetfulness, for our fearfulness, for our faithlessness,

Forgive us Lord. Break open our hearts and pour into us your steadfast love So that we might pour ourselves out in your service.

Like water poured over dusty feet, like wine flowing into the cup of salvation, God's grace washes over us. You are free in Christ. For Christ loves you fully, Christ loves you completely, Christ loves you to the end.

Thanks be to God.

We are freed to watch and wait with the disciples as we remember and bear witness to Christ's most holy passion.

SPECIAL MUSIC Were You There? Mark Neville

Service concludes in a moment of silent prayer.

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