

Community Presbyterian Church
open hearted, open minded



April 14, 2022

Welcome to worship this evening!

Bulletin Cues: **Bold** indicates congregational response, * indicates please stand, if able

MOVEMENT 1 | The Font

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP / CALL TO THE BODY

A call to worship is a call to presence.

We long to be fully present here, and to feel God's presence here.

Notice the space around us, the way it looks, smells, and sounds.

With all our senses, we recognize a sacred space and our belonging in it.

We gather as good creation, wonderfully made.

**We join our bodies into one body as we remember
the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.**

OPENING HYMN GTG 215

What Wondrous Love Is This

vs. 1 and 3



1 What won - drous love is this, O my soul, O my
3 To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will



soul, what won - drous love is this, O my soul! What
sing, to God and to the Lamb, I will sing; to



won - drous love is this that caused the Lord of
God and to the Lamb who is the great I



bliss to bear the dread - ful curse for my soul, for my
AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing, I will



soul, to bear the dread - ful curse for my soul!
sing; while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Confession returns us to our bodies by reminding us that God claims us, exactly as we are. Through repentance, we name that which we have left undone and ask for the help of God and our community to seek repair, restoration, and renewal. Let us pray together our prayer of confession:

**Loving God, you pour out grace upon us exactly as we are,
but we confess we are suspicious and react from fear of scarcity.**

**You invite us to take our shoes off
and receive the care our bodies need,
but we sit on our heels.**

**We sort bodies into worthy and unworthy ones
to mask our insecurities.**

**We reject and punish fat bodies, disabled bodies,
transgender bodies, and racialized bodies—
even when these bodies are our very own.**

God, remind us that we are made in your image.

**Help us learn to receive from your abundance
so we can share all that we have with others.**

**Let us see that the cups we longingly hold out
are already full.**

May they overflow so that all will have enough!

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

As he does with Peter in the foot washing, Jesus transforms our confusion and rejection into joy and connection. With God's help and mercy, we can reciprocate abundance with one another and with Creation. In Jesus Christ we are loved and befriended by God.

Thanks be to God.

SCRIPTURE READING

John 13:1-17

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.

REMEMBRANCE OF BAPTISM

God who poured forth water, God who formed each one of us, we give you thanks for the sacrament of Baptism. Allow the touch of water on our bodies to bring us closer to you so that we might live as your people, with justice, kindness, and humility. As we remember your promises to us, renew in us a heart of compassion for others and help us recognize your presence in all whom we meet. **Amen.**

You may participate to your own degree of comfort, as directed.

Foot washing

Hand washing

Self-anointing at the baptismal font

Sitting quietly in prayer

READING

What does love mean?

Ivy Pillers

MOVEMENT 2 | The Table

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to God.

Let us give thanks to God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

God who took on flesh and lived among us, we greet you in worship.....Through this joyful feast, you fill our spirits to overflowing.

RESPONSE GTG 699

Fill My Cup

refrain only; sing twice

Refrain

Fill my cup; let it o - ver - flow; fill my
cup; let it o - ver - flow; fill my cup; let it
o - ver - flow; let it o - ver - flow with love. *Fine*

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WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come, your 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 let us not be led into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen

THE BREAD AND CUP ARE SHARED

For communion, gluten free bread and grape juice are served for all who partake. Please take and eat the bread as it is served, and then as a sign of unity, hold the cup until all are served so that we might partake together.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN GTG 527

“Eat This Bread, Drink This Cup”

The musical score is written for voice and piano in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment on a bass clef staff. The lyrics are: "Eat this bread; drink this cup; come to me and nev - er be hun - gry. Eat this bread; drink this cup; trust in me and you will not thirst."

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Holy Mystery, through communion we unite our bodies with your body, and in unity we gain strength and hope. We give thanks for your transforming love. Like the sacraments, we know that love is a doing, and so we ask for your help to turn this nourishment into love for all we meet. **Amen**

MOVEMENT 3 - the world

SCRIPTURE READING

John 13:33-35

Jesus said to his disciples, "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."

JOYS AND CONCERNS

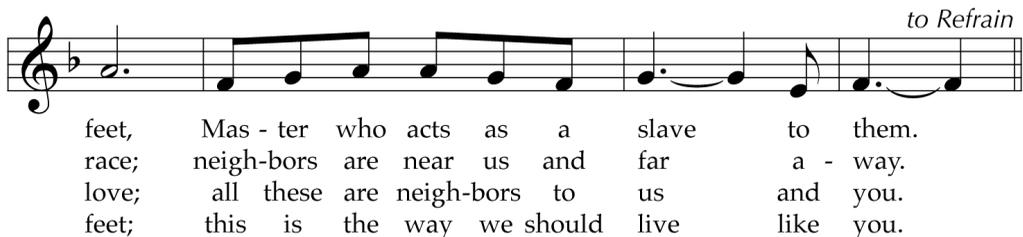
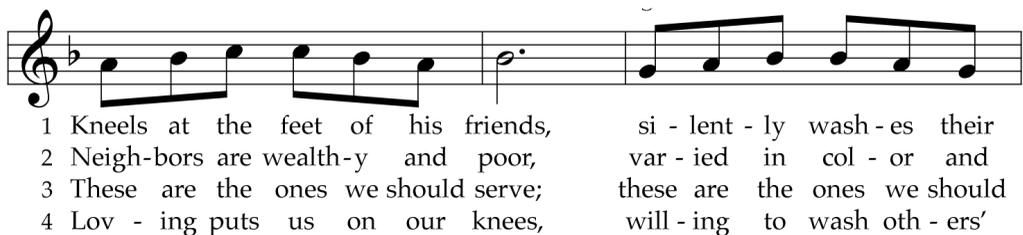
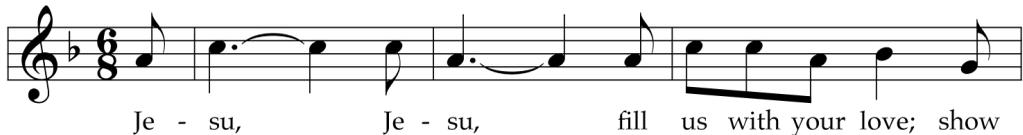
SHARING THE LOVE OF CHRIST

We reach out to those dear to this congregation and in our own lives by writing messages of love and greeting. You may choose to remember in this way an absent member of this family of faith, or a friend or relative of your own.

CLOSING HYMN GTG 203

Jesu, Jesu (all verses)

Refrain



SENDING / BENEDICTION

We have visited the font, we have been nourished at the Table,
and now we go out into the world to live out Jesus's commandment.
As we leave this place, may the presence of the Creator,
the Redeemer, and the Sustainer fill the nooks and crannies of our lives.
Go in love!

We go out together in love. Amen.

POSTLUDE

Pastor	Rev. Jan Wiersma	Liturgist	Sherrie Wilson
Choir Director	Meg Cain	IT Support	Louis Bouchard
Handbell Director	Judy Kereakos		
Pianist	Glenna Muir		
Custodian	Nancy Sanford		
Office Manager	Stephanie Pasch		



Easter Flowers

You are invited to bring **spring flowers** to help decorate the church for Easter! Because of allergies, we are asking people to refrain from bringing Easter lilies to decorate the sanctuary. The flowers can be in honor, memory, or celebration of loved ones or an event.

Thank you,
Worship and Music Committee