



The Woodlands Community Presbyterian Church

"An Inclusive Church Family Loving, Sharing, and Serving Christ."

Maundy Thursday

MARCH 28

7:00PM

A TIME TO GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

*All who are able, please stand. **Bold** print denotes congregational response

**Gluten-free crackers are available in the center of each bread plate.

WELCOME

PRELUDE

Jonathan Aigner, organ

A TIME OF PRAISE AND PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP

This is a day of remembrance for us.

Exod. 12:14

We lift up the cup of salvation

Ps. 116:13

and call on the name of the Lord.

Throughout the generations,

Exod. 12:14c

we have received and handed on to others

1 Cor. 11:23

what the Lord has given to us:

water for washing; the towel of service;

John 13:4–5

the bread of his body; the cup of the new covenant;

1 Cor. 11:24–26

proclaiming the Lord's death until he comes again.

*HYMN 215

What Wondrous Love Is This

WONDROUS LOVE

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God,

you have called us to serve others as Christ

has served us.

John 13:14–15

We confess that we have not followed

Christ's example

as fully or as often as we should.

We turn away from people in need.

True humility eludes us,

and we hide our own vulnerability before others.

You have commanded us to love one another

as you have loved us.

John 13:34

We confess that we do not love so generously.

Gathered on this Holy Thursday,

we confess that we are capable of denying

and betraying you

and one another,

John 13:2, 10–11

no less than the first disciples.

Forgive us, merciful God,

and cleanse us of all our sin;

then guide our feet to walk with you always.

(Silent prayers of confession)

In Christ's name we pray. **Amen.**

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Disciples of Christ,
having loved his own who were in the world,
Jesus loved them to the end.
Jesus knows us fully
and offers love and forgiveness unconditionally.
**In gratitude for the grace given to us,
and as a witness to our faith in Christ,
we will love one another.**

ANTHEM

"In Remembrance" from *Celebrate Life*
WCPC Sanctuary Choir
Jonathan Aigner, director

Buryl Red (1936 - 2013)

A TIME OF PROCLAMATION

*HYMN 202

An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare

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SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 13: 1 – 17 and 31a – 35

SERMON

"A Night To Remember"

Rev. Dr. David F. Jones

*STATEMENT OF FAITH

Jesus broadened the definition of neighbor to include those ordinarily despised and excluded. His life in behalf of others led to persecution and death. He commanded his disciples to live the same way. We believe Christ gives us and demands of us lives that recognize all people in all cultures as our neighbors on this planet. Christ teaches us to go beyond legal requirements in serving and helping our neighbor, to treat our neighbor's needs as our own, to care passionately for the other's good, to share what we have. (from "A Declaration of Faith")

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

GREAT 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.

Holy One, we glorify your name... Therefore we join the ancient hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy One, we glorify your name... Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

Holy One, we glorify your name...

And so we lift our voices together in the prayer Christ taught us, saying:

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 PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Holy One, we glorify your name—for the bread of heaven and the cup of blessing; for the grace of Christ and the power of the Spirit; for the gift of faith and the joy of service; for the life of the world and the hope of new creation. Thanks and praise to you, O God; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*HYMN 220

Go to Dark Gethsemane
(stanzas 1-3)

REDHEAD 76

SILENT RECESSION

All depart in silence; the Service continues on Good Friday at 12:00 p.m.

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

For Jewish people, Passover is a day of remembrance and celebration. For Christians, every Lord's Supper is also a day of remembrance and celebration. Both Jews and Christians are enjoined to hand on to the next generation what we have received from the Lord. When do you first remember receiving the Lord's Supper? What words, phrases, memories, or practices of this sacrament do you especially wish to pass on to the next generation?

** communion liturgy adapted from Westminster John Knox Press, *Connections Worship Companion*, 2023

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Sunday Worship: 8:30am and 11:00am

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