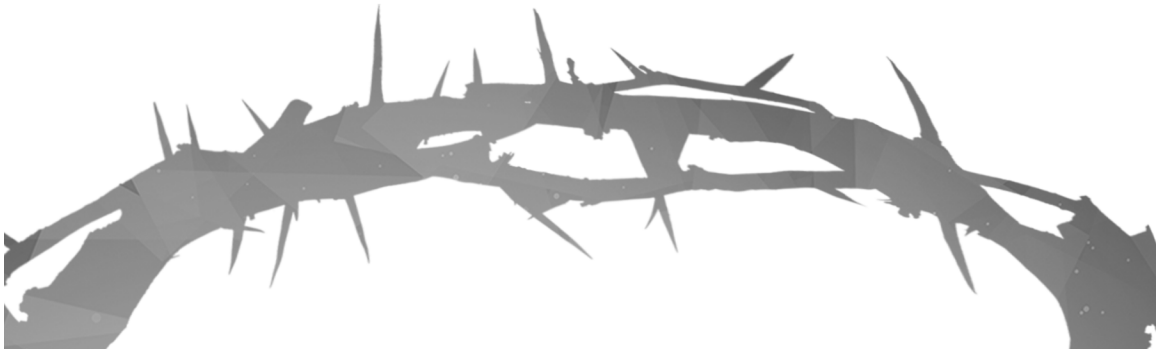




# Holy Thursday



April 13, 2017 + Holy Thursday

 KNOW  BE KNOWN  MAKE KNOWN

# Order of Worship

Liturgist is Rev. Dr. Mike Farley

## Prelude

**Ah, Dearest Jesus**  
Chancel Ringers

Music: Johann Cruger  
arr. Robert Ivey

STANDING (IF ABLE)

## God calls us to worship

from Psalm 106:1; 116:13; 34:8, 10

Liturgist: Our help is in the name of the Lord, the Suffering Servant,

**All: *the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.***

Liturgist: Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,

**All: *for his steadfast love endures forever!***

Liturgist: Taste and see that the LORD is good.

**All: *I will lift up the cup of salvation***

***and call on the name of the LORD,***

***for those who seek the LORD lack no good thing.***

## We praise God

**What Wondrous Love is This**  
Hymnal #177

Text: American folk hymn  
Tune: William Walker 1835

## We pray for God to help us worship

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## We prepare to confess our sin

from Psalm 139:23-24

Liturgist: Almighty God,  
to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden:  
Search us and know our hearts! Try us and know our thoughts!  
See if there be any grievous way in us, and lead us in the way everlasting,  
that we may perfectly love you and one another and honor your great name.

# We confess our sin

**All (sing):** stanzas 1-2 of "Psalm 32" (below)

**All:** *Loving Lord,  
we confess that we do not love as you have loved us.  
You freely gave your life for us.  
But we fearfully cling to our life  
and hoard your gifts for our own use alone.  
Your love is humble and generous.  
But we are consumed by pride and envy.  
Your love makes friends of your enemies.  
But we have made enemies of those you call us to love.  
Lord, have mercy on us.*

(silent prayers of confession)

**Liturgist:** Lord of love, we lament our refusal to love and the damage and pain that our lack of love causes to others, to ourselves, and to the honor and glory of your name. In your gracious love, please forgive us all of our sins, and pour your love into our hearts by your Holy Spirit so that the love of Christ will fill and guide us now and forevermore.

**All (sing):** stanza 3 of "Psalm 32" (below)

## Psalm 32

Text: The Psalter 1912, alt.  
Tune: Hans Leo Hassler 1601



1. How blest are they whose tres - pass has free - ly been for - giv'n, whose sins are whol - ly  
2. While I kept guil - ty sil - ence, my strength was spent with grief: your hand was heav - y  
3. The sor - rows of the wick - ed in - crease from year to year, but those who trust the



cov - er'd be - fore the sight of heav'n. Blest they to whom the LORD God does  
on me; my soul found no re - lief. But when I owned my tres - pass and  
LORD God know love in - stead of fear. Then in the LORD be joy - ful, in



not im - pute their sin, who have a guile - less spir - it, whose heart is true with - in.  
did not hide my sin, then you for - gave my guilt, LORD, re - stored my life with - in.  
song lift up your voice; be glad in God, you right - eous: re - joice, O saints, re - joice!

# God declares our forgiveness

from 1 John 4:9

Liturgist: In this the love of God was made manifest among us,  
that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him.

For all who have turned from sin in sorrow and look to God for mercy, this is God's gift.  
In Jesus Christ, God loves you, God forgives you, God accepts you,  
and God rejoices over you as beloved daughters and sons.

**All:** *Hallelujah! Amen!*

## We praise God

### Psalm 62 (My Soul Finds Rest)

Text: trans. David J. Diephouse 1986

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Tune: Traditional English melody



1. My soul finds rest in God a - lone; on him my help de - pends.  
2. Find rest, my soul, in God a - lone; on him my hope de - pends.  
3. The great of earth are less than dust; all mor - tal strength is vain.



He is my for - tress and my rock; sal - va - tion sure he sends.  
He is my for - tress and my rock; sal - va - tion sure he sends.  
And fools a - lone re - ly on wealth or prize ill - got - ten gain.



My foes con - spire to bring me down; they scorn my trou - bled state.  
My aid and hon - or come from God, my ref - uge strong and sure.  
I know, O God, that you are strong, a faith - ful, lov - ing Lord.



Their lips are quick to sound my praise, but in their hearts they hate.  
Let all God's ser - vants trust the LORD; in him we are se - cure.  
Our ev - ery deed, for good or ill, you sure - ly will re - ward.

## We prepare for the ministry of God's word

### Ubi Caritas

Chancel Choir

Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.  
Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor.  
Exsulemus, et in ipso jucundemur.  
Timeamus, et amemus Deum vivum.  
Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero.  
Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.  
Amen.

Where charity and love are, God is there.  
The love of Christ has gathered us into one.  
Let us rejoice and be glad in him.  
Let us revere, and let us love the living God.  
And let us love one another from a sincere heart.  
Where charity and love are, God is there.  
Amen.

Music: Richard Wappel

## God instructs us in scripture reading

John 13  
(pew Bible p. 900)

## God instructs us in preaching

"Love One Another"  
Jeremy Blythe

# We offer ourselves in gifts and song

*Prior to singing, we will take a moment of silence to reflect and pray.*

## Christian Hearts in Love United

Text: Nicholas Ludwig von Zinzendorf 1723

Tune: B. F. White, *The Sacred Harp* 1844



1. Christ - ian hearts, in love u - nit - ed: search to know God's ho - ly will.  
2. Grant, Lord, that with your di - rec - tion, "Love each oth - er" we com - ply.  
3. Come, then, liv - ing church of Je - sus, cov - e - nant with him a - new.



Let His love, in us ig - nit - ed, more and more our spir - its fill.  
Help us live in true af - fec - tion, your love to ex - em - pli - fy.  
Un - to him who con - quered for us may we pledge our ser - vice true.



Christ the Head and we His mem - bers, we re - flect the light He is.  
Let our mu - tual love be glow - ing bright - ly so that all may view  
May our lives re - flect the bright - ness of God's love in Je - sus shown.



Christ the Mas - ter, we di - sci - ples, He is ours and we are His.  
that we, as on one stem grow - ing, liv - ing branch - es are in you.  
To the world we then bear wit - ness: we be - long to God a - lone.

STANDING (IF ABLE)

# We pray for the church and the world

Liturgist: (prayers for the church and the world)

**All:** *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.*

## God feeds us at his table

Central Presbyterian welcomes all Christians who actively trust in Jesus Christ for salvation, who are willing to forsake their sin, and who are members of congregations that proclaim the gospel to receive Holy Communion with us. If you are not ready to receive communion, you may simply pass the elements by. We also urge you to meditate on one of the prayers below.

### **Bread**

The communion bread is gluten-free.

**Eating and drinking:** Please eat and drink as you receive the bread and the cup when you are ready. We will not hold the elements and wait to eat until all have been served.

### **Prayer for Those Searching**

Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. Help me to be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open me to the reality of who you are. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent and convincing and that leads to the life you promise. Amen.

### **Prayer of New Belief**

Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever dared believe, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt on the cross, taking what I deserved in order to offer me complete forgiveness. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior and Lord. Amen.

**Music for communion:** Chancel Choir: Ave Verum Corpus (next page)  
Here Is Love (next page)

# Ave Verum Corpus

Chancel Choir

Music: Stephanie Martin

Ave verum corpus,  
natum de Maria Virgine,  
Vere passum  
immolato in cruce pro homine;

Hail, true Body,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
having truly suffered,  
sacrificed on the cross for mankind,

Cujus latus perforatum  
unda fluxit sanguine,  
Esto nobis praegustatum  
in mortis examine.

from whose pierced side  
water and blood flowed:  
Be for us a foretaste  
in the trial of death!

O dulcis, O pie, O Jesu,  
fili Mariae,  
miserere nobis. Amen.

O sweet Jesus, O holy Jesus,  
O Jesus, son of Mary,  
have mercy on us. Amen.

## Here Is Love

Text: William Reese 1876  
st. 3, W. Todd Weedman 2008  
Tune: Robert Lowry 1876

1. Here is love, vast as the o - cean, lov - ing - kind - ness as the flood,  
2. On the mount of cru - ci - fix - ion, foun-tains o - pened deep and wide;  
3. Bond and pledge of sweet com - mu - nion, all Christ's be - ne - fits di - vine:

when the prince of life, our ran - som shed for us his pre - cious blood.  
through the flood - gates of God's mer - cy flowed a vast and gra - cious tide.  
Here, you saints, is of - fered free - ly in the bread and in the wine.

Who his love will not re - mem - ber? Who can cease to sing his praise?  
Grace and love, like might - y ri - vers, poured in - ces - sant from a - bove;  
Here is love dis - played in splen - dor: bo - dy brok - en, blood out - poured,

He can ne - ver be for - got - ten, through - out heav'n's e - ter - nal days.  
heav - en's peace and per - fect jus - tice kissed a guilt - y world in love.  
signs and seals of mer - cy of - fered at the ta - ble of the Lord.



# We meditate on Jesus' suffering

Matthew 26:36-46

<sup>36</sup> Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to his disciples, "Sit here, while I go over there and pray." <sup>37</sup> And taking with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, he began to be sorrowful and troubled. <sup>38</sup> Then he said to them, "My soul is very sorrowful, even to death; remain here, and watch with me." <sup>39</sup> And going a little farther he fell on his face and prayed, saying, "My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as you will." <sup>40</sup> And he came to the disciples and found them sleeping. And he said to Peter, "So, could you not watch with me one hour? <sup>41</sup> Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." <sup>42</sup> Again, for the second time, he went away and prayed, "My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done." <sup>43</sup> And again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. <sup>44</sup> So, leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words again. <sup>45</sup> Then he came to the disciples and said to them, "Sleep and take your rest later on. See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. <sup>46</sup> Rise, let us be going; see, my betrayer is at hand."

## **In Monte Oliveti** Chancel Choir

Music: Anton Bruckner

In Monte Oliveti  
oravit ad patrem:  
Pater, si fieri potest  
transeat a me calix iste.  
Spiritus quidem promptus  
est caro autem infirma.  
Fiat voluntas tua.  
Verumtamen non situ ego volo,  
sed sicut tu vis.

On the Mount of Olives  
he prayed to the Father:  
"Father, if it be possible,  
let this cup pass from me.  
The spirit indeed is willing,  
but the flesh is weak.  
Let your will be done.  
Nevertheless, not as I will,  
but as you will."

## We pray for Jesus' grace in our suffering

Psalm 116

Left: I love the Lord, because he has heard  
my voice and my pleas for mercy.

**Right:** *Because he inclined his ear to me,  
therefore I will call on him as long as I live.*

Left: The snares of death encompassed me;  
the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me;

**Right:** *I suffered distress and anguish.  
Then I called on the name of the Lord:*

Left: "O Lord, I pray, deliver my soul!"

**Right:** *Gracious is the Lord, and righteous; our God is merciful.*

Left: The Lord preserves the simple;  
when I was brought low, he saved me.

**Right:** *Return, O my soul, to your rest;  
for the Lord has dealt bountifully with you.*

Left: For you have delivered my soul from death,  
my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling;

**Right:** *I will walk before the Lord  
in the land of the living.*

Left: I believed, even when I spoke:  
"I am greatly afflicted";

**Right:** *I said in my alarm,  
"All mankind are liars."*

Left: What shall I render to the Lord  
for all his benefits to me?

**Right:** *I will lift up the cup of salvation  
and call on the name of the Lord,*

Left: I will pay my vows to the Lord  
in the presence of all his people.

**Right:** *Precious in the sight of the Lord  
is the death of his saints.*

Left: O Lord, I am your servant;  
I am your servant, the son of your maidservant.  
You have loosed my bonds.

**Right:** *I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving  
and call on the name of the Lord.*

Left: I will pay my vows to the Lord  
in the presence of all his people,

**Right:** *in the courts of the house of the Lord,  
in your midst, O Jerusalem.*

Left: Praise the Lord!

## **Were You There?**

Chancel Ringers

American folk tune  
arr. Arnold B. Sherman

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?  
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?  
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?  
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

**Please depart quietly**

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