March 28, 2024 Maundy Thursday

INTROIT: "Given For You" Adult Choir, Bob Sampson Soloist

*CALL TO WORSHIP:

*Please stand as you are able

One: This is a day of remembrance for us.

ALL: We lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.

One: Throughout the generations, we have received and handed on to others what the Lord has

given to us: water for washing; the towel of service;

ALL: The bread of his body; the cup of the new covenant; proclaiming the Lord's death until

He comes again.

*OPENING PRAYER

One: Lord Jesus Christ, as you wash the feet of your disciples—as you give them a new commandment—make us ready to follow you, loving and serving one another in your name.

ALL: Amen.

*Hymn: "Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love"

Blue Hymnal #367/Screen

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

ALL: Holy God, you have called us to serve others as Christ has served us. 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. We confess that we do not love so generously. Gathered on this Maundy Thursday, we confess that we are capable of denying and betraying you and one another, 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. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION:

One: Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us, we pray, so that we may see the light of your Word in the darkness of our lives. And seeing, may we understand; understanding, may we do all that you ask. In the name of Jesus Christ.

ALL: Amen.

RESPONSIVE PSALM: Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19

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

SPECIAL MUSIC: "The Upper Room" Adult Choir

SERMON "Commandment" Rev. Dr. Brian Jones

PASTORAL PRAYER

HYMN OF PREPARATION: "Broken for Me" Sing the Faith #2263/Screen

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Great Thanksgiving:

One: The Lord be with you. **ALL: And also with you.**One: Lift up your hearts.

ALL: We lift them to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **ALL: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

One: It is truly right....who forever sing to the glory of your name:

ALL: 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.

One: You are holy, O God of majesty,...Great is the mystery of faith: ALL: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

One: Gracious God...all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever.

ALL: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (SUNG)

Our Father, which 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.

Communion of the People (Wrapped gluten-free wafers available on trays)

OFFERING/OFFERTORY: "Man in the Middle"

Men's Ensemble

*DOXOLOGY

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*CLOSING HYMN: "Make Me a Servant"

Sing the Faith #2176/Screen

*BENEDICTION

Communion Servers:

Deb Ficek, Jody Leason, Bob Sampson, Dee Schurman and Sandy Wersal

Good Friday Service

A Good Friday Service, arranged by several area Presbyterian Pastors, will be online all day tomorrow. (https://vimeo.com/926703976) If you would like to come to church to see it, we will have it on at 10:30 a.m. in the Fireside Room.