



The Woodlands Community Presbyterian Church

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



Maundy Thursday

April 17, 2025

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

Welcome to you who call upon the name of Christ.

We gather tonight to recall the story
of the night Jesus was betrayed.

Are you prepared
to come to the feast of Jesus, the Christ,
whose life was poured out for you?

By the grace of God, we are.

Are you able to watch with Jesus
at prayer in the garden --
indeed, to struggle yourselves to be in unity
with God's will for you?

By the grace of God, we are.

Then let us praise God, even in this hour of darkness!

**God of all grace and steadfast love,
greatly is your name to be praised in all the earth.
Bring us to this feast of remembrance with open hearts!**

*HYMN 215

What Wondrous Love Is This

WONDROUS LOVE

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Forgive us, Lord, for forgetting your sacrifice and for thinking your grace is cheap.
Forgive us, Lord, for using the cross as a trinket, forgetting the agony it represents.
Forgive us, Lord, for taking our worship for granted, forgetting the struggle that has assured its freedom.
Forgive us, Lord, for being calloused to human cruelty, forgetting that every victim is a creature of God.
Forgive us, Lord, for being nonchalant about injustice, forgetting that it still nails innocence to the cross.
Forgive us, Lord, for thinking that sacrifice is obsolete, forgetting that we still contend against the powers of darkness. (Silent prayers of confession) Receive our prayers offered in all humility, as we remember and honor Christ our Lord who prays for us still. **Amen.**

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Jesus said: "*I came not to judge the world, but to save the world*"
and "*having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end*"
The good news therefore is this: In Jesus Christ, we are loved and we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God!

A TIME OF PROCLAMATION

HYMN 202An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare*

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SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 13: 1 – 17 and 31a – 35

SERMON

"Do You Know?"

Rev. Dr. David F. Jones

***STATEMENT OF FAITH**

God has created humans in a personal relationship with the divine self that humans may respond to the love of the Creator. God has created male and female persons and given them a life which proceeds from birth to death in a succession of generations and in a wide complex of social relationship. God has endowed humans with capacities to make the world serve human needs and to enjoy its good things. Life is a gift to be received with gratitude and a task to be pursued with courage. Humans are free to seek life within the purpose of God: to develop and protect the resources of nature for the common welfare, to work for justice and peace in society, and in other ways to use their creative powers for the fulfillment of human life. from the Confession of 1967 (9.16-17)

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.

We love you, Lord ... and call upon your holy name:
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.

You are holy, O God ... According to his commandment:
We remember his death,
we proclaim his resurrection,
we await his coming in glory.

Pour out your Holy Spirit ...

Hear us as we pray in the manner 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

Lord God, we give thanks for your mercy— welcoming us home from wandering, clothing us with your loving-kindness, and feeding us from your abundant table. Prepare a place for us in your holy realm, where the lost are found, heaven and earth embrace, and the dead are raised to new life; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

*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.

Worship Liturgy from *Maundy Thursday Worship 2002*, on the **Seekers Church** website. <http://www.seekerschurch.org/> and re:Worship.blogspot.com

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