

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Marshalltown, Iowa 50158

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April 18, 2019

6:00 p.m.



CALL TO WORSHIP (John 13:33-35)

Leader: "My children, I will be with you only a little longer. You will look for Me, and just as I told the Jews, so I tell you now:

People: Where I am going, you cannot come.

Leader: "A new command I give you: Love one another.

People: As I have loved you, so you must love one another.

Leader: By this everyone will know that you are My disciples,

People: if you love one another."

INVOCATION

Leader: Almighty God, on this night Your Son, our Savior was betrayed. He was the source of all love and taught us to love one another. Yet, those words were an affront to the power structures of His day and to ours today. Help us to love and serve others as He did, and to follow His example of sacrificing all things for others. And now is alive and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

STATEMENT ON MAUNDY THURSDAY

Leader: On this day, Christ the Lamb of God gave Himself into the hands of those who would slay Him.

On this day, Christ gathered with His disciples in the upper room.

On this day, Christ took a towel and washed the disciples' feet, giving us an example that we should do to others as He has done to us.

On this day, Christ our God gave us this Holy feast, that we who eat this bread and drink this cup, may here proclaim His Holy sacrifice and be partakers of His resurrection, and at the last day may reign with Him in heaven.

HYMN OF PRAISE (insert & screen)

#316 O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

CALL TO CONFESSION (Romans 5:6-11)

Leader: You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. But God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since we have now been justified by His blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through Him! For if, while we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to Him through the death of His Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through His life! Not only is this so, but we also boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

SILENT PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Unison: Almighty God, you have never broken Your covenant with us. We confess that we have not lived our lives according to Your will but have been disobedient and freely disobey Your commands. We have withheld our love from You and from our neighbors. In Your great mercy forgive us and cleanse us from our sin. Lead us into Your presence and make us clean so that we can come to Your table. Through the bread that was broken and wine that was poured out make us one with Christ our savior. In whose Name we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Romans 5:1-5)

Leader: Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

OFFERING - (For the Deacons)

SCRIPTURE: John 13:18-20

SPECIAL MUSIC *The Upper Room* by Don Besig
Chancel Choir

SERMON: "Betrayal"

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation

Blessing

Distribution of elements

(As the bread is passed around the table, please serve your neighbor saying, next to you saying, "**Christ's body broken for you.**" Partake of the bread as you receive it. As the juice is passed around the table, please serve your neighbor saying, "**Christ's blood shed for you.**" Hold the juice so that we may partake of it together.)

HYMN OF DEDICATION (insert & screen)

#352 O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE