

*FIRST*  
*PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH*



In Remembrance of Me, by Walter Rane, courtesy Church History Museum

**Maundy Thursday**  
Thursday, March 28, 2024  
7:00 P.M.

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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### PRELUDE

### WELCOME /ANNOUNCEMENTS

Liturgist

(An offering can be given at the sanctuary doors)

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist

In the waning light of the evening, **we gather to keep watch.**  
In this space and in our hearts, **we gather to retell this story.**  
In our bread and in our cup, **we remember the love of our Redeemer.**

**\*HYMN #94** "An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare"

### CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Kaul

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Humble Savior, your words were clear: "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another, just as I have loved you." You have loved us unfailingly, unceasingly, and we have rejoiced in that love. But, we have not poured out on others the love you lavished upon us and still lavish on us. Forgive us. Cover us, renew us with your mercy, and lead us once again in your ways and path to life. (Silent Reflection)**

### DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Rev. Kaul

Beloved of God, even in our sin, Christ came and went to conquer death on our behalf. Christ redeems us yet still. Even now, we are forgiven. Hear this good news! **Thanks be to God!**

### \*GLORIA PATRI

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Liturgist

### SCRIPTURE READING THROUGH DRAMA "Remembering"

<sup>23</sup>For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, <sup>24</sup>and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." <sup>25</sup>In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." <sup>26</sup>For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes." **1 Corinthians 11:23-26**

\*HYMN #85 "What Wondrous Love Is This"

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Liturgist

**Apostle's Creed**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

**ANTHEM**

Greenwich PC Chior

"In The Upper Room" by *Russell Nagy*

**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 out thanks and praise.**

Holy God, we praise you.....saying to the glory of your 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.**

With thanksgiving we take this bread.....  
Let us pray now with confidence as children of God the prayer  
Jesus taught his disciples to pray saying:

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**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**

**SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP**

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**God of grace, your Son Jesus Christ left us this holy meal, humble meal of bread and wine, in which we share his body and blood with him and each other. May we, who have celebrated this sign of his great love and yours, show in our lives the fruits of his redemption. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. Amen.**

### **ANTHEM**

“The Garden”

FPC Choir

### **GOSPEL READING**

Readers & Rev. Kaul

Mark 15:1-47

### **PRAYER**

**Merciful God, strengthen us in prayer and help us on our journey. Help us to lift up our world’s brokenness to your healing power and saving love, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

**\*Closing Hymn #101 “Were You There?”**

(As the hymn is sung there will be reverent removal of the symbols in our church sanctuary. The Christ Candle now extinguished signifies the darkness that covered the earth at Jesus’ death. The Sanctuary lights will be temporarily turned off. We will then be with Jesus in his tomb and sound will be made to remind us of the sealing of the tomb. We will maintain a silence while in the tomb, as the sanctuary lights return for our departure.)

### **ALL DEPART IN SILENCE**



Thanks to the GPC choir and readers, our own FPC choir, readers and  
Worship Committee for help with tonight’s service.  
Please join us @ 10:00 am Sunday morning, 3/31/24  
to celebrate Easter - Resurrection Day!