



The Order of Worship

April 6, 2023  
8:00 p.m.

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
MAUNDY THURSDAY COMMUNION SERVICE  
AND THE OFFICE OF TENEBRAE

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE O Mensch, bewein dein Sünde groß, BWV 622 J. S. Bach  
*O Man, Bewail Your Great Sins*  
(from the *Orgelbüchlein*)

Chorale text: O man, bewail your great sins for which Christ left his Father's bosom and came to earth. He was born here of a virgin pure and tender for us; he wished to become the mediator. He gave life to the dead and took away all sickness until the time came that he was sacrificed for us. He bore the heavy burden of our sins, indeed, long upon the cross.

Sebald Heyden, 1525  
literal trans. Mark Bighley

GREETING AND CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Dr. Anne McKee

One: Jesus said: I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.

All: On this day, Christ gathered with his disciples in the upper room.

One: On this day, Christ took a towel and washed the disciples' feet.

All: On this day, Christ broke bread for his disciples, telling them to eat.

One: On this day, Christ poured out wine, telling them to drink of the cup of new life.

All: On this day, Christ gave his whole self, that we too might follow and find abundant life.

\*HYMN NO. 98 (blue hymnal) O Sacred Head, Now Wounded *Passion Chorale*

\*CALL TO CONFESSION Barbara Adamcik

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Ever gracious God, we gather this evening hour as friends gathered with Jesus in an upper room long ago. We come bearing the marks of a bitter and broken world. We come from anonymous places, with dry and thirsty spirits. Remind us in the breaking of bread of our need for you. Refresh us and make us whole with the cup of forgiveness. Draw us nearer to each

other in mutual service and closer to you in faithfulness. As the night advances, deepen in us a sense of your steadfast love for us in Jesus Christ.

Amen.

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another. The Peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

*You are invited to exchange, by words and touch, signs of reconciliation with one another.*

THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING John 13:1-7, 31-35 Bill Wiesehuegel

ANTHEM Adoramus te Quirino Gasparini

Adoramus te Christe, et benedicimus tibi, Quia per sanctam crucem tuam, redemisti mundum.

*We adore you, Christ, and bless you, for through your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.*

based on Phillipians 2:8-9 and Galatians 6:14

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Leader: Lord Jesus, We are stunned at your passion and your commitment toward us...Willingly giving yourself to whip and fist, to wood and nails.

People: We praise you, Gracious Lord, for what you were prepared to endure to reconcile us with God.

Leader: We praise you, Gracious Lord, ... That we take your suffering too lightly, and receive your grace too cheaply.

People: As we watch with you, while the darkness encroaches, Let us remember what this journey means, and count again the cost of love.

(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.**

Leader: When the time arrived for Jesus to be lifted up ... and gave it to the disciples.

People: When you eat the bread, remember me. This is my body broken for you.

Leader: When the meal was finished, the Lord took the cup, blessed it, and gave it to the disciples.

People: When you drink the wine, remember me. This is my blood shed for you.

Leader: Now, as we gather at this table, we eat bread; we drink wine; and we remember the one who died to bring us life.

People: And we will keep sharing this meal until he returns. Amen.

COMMUNION

*The congregation will be ushered to the Table, beginning with the first pews on either side of the aisle.*

MUSIC FOR COMMUNION Herzliebster Jesu Johannes Brahms

*Ah, Dearest Jesus, How Hast Thou Offended*

Chorale text: My heart's dearest Jesus, what crime have you committed that such a severe sentence has been pronounced? What is the guilt? Into what kinds of transgressions have you fallen?

Johann Heermann, 1630  
literal trans. Mark Bighley

O Lamm Gottes unschuldig, BWV 1095 J. S. Bach

*O Lamb of God, Pure and Holy*  
(from the *Neumeister Chorales*)

Chorale text: O Lamb of God, slaughtered innocently on the stem of the cross; always found patient, even though you were despised. You have borne all sins, otherwise we would have had to despair. Have mercy on us, O Jesus!

Nikolaus Decius, 1522  
literal trans. Mark Bighley

UNISON PRAYER

**We give you thanks, O Christ. You poured out your life for a world that caused you suffering and death. You offered your disciples friendship and love when they were discouraged and full of grief. You strengthen us with this meal and give us life. May we leave this table ready to follow you in the way of suffering and love, that we may also share in your promised resurrection. Amen.**

LITURGY OF THE PASSION

*Please remain seated throughout.*

JESUS PREDICTS HIS BETRAYAL Matthew 26:20-25 Jeff Browning

JESUS PRAYS IN THE GARDEN Matthew 26:36-46 Mary Boyd

HYMN NO. 93 (blue hymnal) Ah, Holy Jesus *Herzliebster Jesu*

BETRAYAL AND DENIAL Matthew 26:47-56, 69-75 Barbara Adamcik

TRIAL Matthew 27:11-31 Gradye Parsons

HYMN NO. 84 (blue hymnal) In the Cross of Christ I Glory *Rathbun*

CRUCIFIXION Matthew 27:32-44 Ibbie Muntz

DEATH Matthew 27:45-54 Anne McKee

SPIRITUAL Were You There? *Were You There*

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

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

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

African-American spiritual

Chancel Choir

SONG OF THE SUFFERING SERVANT Isaiah 53:3-6 Jim Mason

EXTINGUISH THE LIGHT

STREPITUS (THE DEATH OF OUR LORD)

PLEASE DEPART THE SANCTUARY IN SILENCE

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**SERVING TODAY**

**LITURGIST:** Barbara Adamcik, Bill Wiesehuegel, Jeff Browning, Mary Boyd, Gradye Parsons, Ibbie Muntz

**ELDERS SERVING COMMUNION:** Jaclyn Beeler, Melanie Lewis, Michael Yates, Bill Wiesehuegel, Cindy Spangler, Wendy Collins

**MINISTRY OF MUSIC:** Chancel Choir

**THIS EVENING’S PRELUDE** comes from Johann Sebastian Bach’s *Orgelbüchlein* (Little Organ Book), a collection of chorale preludes intended to cover the entire liturgical year. Though not completed, it contains a number of his most well-known and beloved works, among them *O Mensch, bewein*. This chorale prelude features the chorale melody in a highly ornamented and florid style accompanied by extremely expressive supporting harmonies. In the closing measures one can almost sense the last footsteps of Christ and his intense suffering, and even a glimpse of our salvation to come.

**Easter Sunday Schedule**

Worship 9:00 a.m.

Easter Breakfast and Egg Hunt 10:00 a.m.

Worship 11:00 a.m.

**Easter Egg Hunt:**

Children up to age 7 are invited

to participate in our Egg Hunt in the courtyard.

There will be a special area for kids 0-2 years old.

Bring your basket or use a provided paper bag.



**CHURCH-WIDE PICNIC** immediately following worship on Sunday, April 30th. Everyone invited! We will be honoring our 2023 graduating high school seniors. More details to follow. Please RSVP. Sign up sheets are in the Schilling Gallery on the bulletin board.

**ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING:** This special offering will be collected during the Season of Lent. Around the world, OGHS ministries bridge the divides that tear apart the lives of individuals and communities.

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Sarah Rackley, Youth Assistant

Linda Judge McRae, Parish Nurse

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**THE SESSION**

**Class of 2023**

Jaclyn Beeler

Jack Carley

William Milam

Penny Tschantz

Bill Wiesehuegel

Youth Elder: Meghan Oros

**Class of 2024**

Josh Birdwell

Gloria Borum

Melanie Lewis

Lisa Oros

Chris Van Beke

Clerk of Session:

**Class of 2025**

Ed Babelay

Wendy Collins

Janet Drumm

Stephen Fortney

Barbara Froula

Leigh Dunlap

**TRUSTEES**

Robert McKeehan

Ron Alexander

Alice Mercer