



GILEAD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

April 13, 2017, 7:30 p.m.

OPENING MUSIC

"In The Garden"
Organ

By: C. Austin Miles

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Leader: Amid all good things competing for our attention, where shall we go to find bread?

People: We come to the upper room, seeking a table prepared for Jesus' disciples.

Leader: Among all the activities we can choose, where shall we invest our time and effort?

People: The church invites our discipleship, calling us into the body of Christ.

Leader: Among all who claim our loyalty, who encompasses the whole of life and truth?

People: God in Christ offers us wholeness, bringing all the pieces of our lives together.

UNISON PRAYER

Almighty God, on this holy night, filled with ominous foreboding, we dare to come to the feast of life. We gather to honor Jesus,

who showed us the way of faithful service, and loved us enough to give up this earthly existence that we might know your unconditional love. In thanksgiving and praise we come to commune with you and each other, and find our identity with Christ. Amen.

***BLUE HYMNAL #510 “Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts”**

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we are torn between the specter of Good Friday and the feast Christ spreads before us. We come with the sorrowful question, “Is it I?” We know the answer for we have denied and betrayed. We have broken covenant and turned from grace. We are ruled by what seems to work at the moment, not by eternal truths. How can we ask for forgiveness when we find it so difficult to change? Gracious God, deliver us. Loving Savior, grant us pardon and transformation.

SILENT PRAYER

THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

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ANTHEM

“Love One Another”
Sr. Choir

Arr. By: Lloyd Larson

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalms 116:12-13, 17-19

(Pages 533-34 in your Pew Bible Old Testament)

NEW TESTAMENT READING

John 13:1-17

(Page 101 in your Pew Bible New Testament)

SERMON

“From Passive to Active”

Rev. Martin McGeachy

***BLUE HYMNAL #94 “An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare”**

HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Lord’s Table, Prayer of Thanksgiving

Communion of the People

(The people come to the Table in groups of twelve to receive communion by intinction. The chalice holds grape juice. The bread is gluten-free Each person will pass bread and share it with the next person and when all are served, the chalice will be passed from person to person for dipping the bread. When all are served, the twelve will partake as one.)

BLUE HYMNAL #513

“Let Us Break Bread Together”

1. Let us break bread together on our knees (on our knees).
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When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.
2. Let us drink wine together on our knees...
3. Let us praise God together on our knees...

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, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“The Old Rugged Cross”
Organ

By: George Bernard

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE SEVEN SAYINGS OF THE SAVIOR ON THE CROSS

Following each Saying, there will be a responsive verse from *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*, or *Were You There?*

1. The Word of forgiveness (Luke 23:34)

And Jesus said, “Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.”

When I survey the wondrous cross On which the Prince of glory died, My richest gain I count but loss, And pour contempt on all my pride.

2. The Word of salvation (Luke 23:42)

The thief said to Jesus, “Lord, remember me when you come into your kingdom;” and Jesus replied, “Truly I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise.”

See, from His head, His hands, His feet, Sorrow and love flow mingled down; Did e’er such love and sorrow meet, Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

3. The Word of affection (John 19:25-27)

There stood by the cross of Jesus His mother. When Jesus saw his mother, and the disciple standing by, whom he loved, He said to His mother, "Woman, behold your son." Then He said to the disciple, "Behold your mother."

**Were the whole realm of nature mine, That were a present far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine, Demands my soul, my life, my all.**

4. The Word of anguish (Mark 15:34)

At about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, "Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?" which means, "My God, My God, why have you forsaken me?"

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

5. The Word of suffering (John 19:28)

Jesus, knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the scripture might be fulfilled, said, "I thirst."

Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

6. The Word of victory (John 19:30)

When Jesus had received the vinegar, He said, "It is finished."

Were you there when they pierced him in the side?

7. The Word of contentment (Luke 23:46)

Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, "Father, into your hands I commend My spirit." Having said this, He breathed His last.

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

BENEDICTION AND SILENT PRAYER

(Please depart in silence when you have finished praying.)