

**Gilead Presbyterian Church**  
**April 1, 2021; Maundy Thursday, Year B**

Convinced of God's Grace, we affirm that there can be no exclusiveness in the body of Christ. We welcome all regardless of race, ethnic heritage, national origin, age, gender, marital status, sexual orientation, or socioeconomic standing; and we encourage the full participation of all in the life of our congregation.

OPENING MUSIC

"In the Upper Room"  
Mary Temple, piano

by William Gaither

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Amid all good things competing for our attention, where shall we go to find bread? **We come to the upper room, seeking a table prepared for Jesus' disciples.**

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.**

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

LITANY OF CONFESSION

Holy and gracious God, our sin is too heavy to bear. Trusting in your mercy, we lay before you the truth of who we are.

**In truth, we confess our failure to love as Christ loved...**

**In truth, we confess our covetousness and greed...**

**In truth, we confess our weakness before temptation...**

**In truth, we confess our frailty before the challenges of this world...**

Merciful God, forgive us. Heal us, and make us whole, for the sake of your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray...

THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

God offers us the cup of salvation, not as something we have earned, but as a gift to all who will accept it. The blood of the new covenant is poured out for many. Know the costly, healing act by which you are set free from the burden of your sin and offered new life in Christ. In Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

BLUE HYMNAL #513

**"Let Us Break Bread Together"**

**2. Let us drink wine 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.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalms 116:12-19

<sup>12</sup> What shall I return to the LORD for all the LORD's bounty to me?  
<sup>13</sup> I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD,  
<sup>14</sup> I will pay my vows to the LORD  
in the presence of all the LORD's people.  
<sup>15</sup> Precious in the sight of the LORD  
is the death of the LORD's faithful ones.  
<sup>16</sup> O LORD, I am your servant;  
I am your servant, the child of your serving girl.  
You have loosed my bonds.  
<sup>17</sup> I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice  
and call on the name of the LORD.  
<sup>18</sup> I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all the LORD's people,  
<sup>19</sup> in the courts of the house of the LORD, in your midst, O Jerusalem.  
Praise the LORD!

GOSPEL READING John 13:12-17, 31-35

<sup>12</sup> After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? <sup>13</sup> You call me Teacher and Lord--and you are right, for that is what I am. <sup>14</sup> So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. <sup>15</sup> For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. <sup>16</sup> Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. <sup>17</sup> If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.

<sup>31</sup> When [Judas] had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. <sup>32</sup> If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. <sup>33</sup> Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' <sup>34</sup> I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. <sup>35</sup> By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

SERMON

"We Lift Up the Cup"

Rev. Martin McGeachy

I lift up the cup of salvation.	I lift up the cup of forgiveness.
I lift up the cup of eternity.	I lift up the cup of consolation.
I lift up the cup of abundance.	I lift up the cup of thanksgiving.
I lift up the cup of healing.	I lift up the cup of mercy.
I lift up the cup of gratitude.	I lift up the cup of hope.
I lift up the cup of light.	I lift up the cup of love.

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**COMMUNION**

INVITATION

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

SHARING OF THE BREAD & THE CUP

**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.**

**CLOSING MEDITATION**

**“Jesus Walked That Lonesome Valley”**

**Paul Francis, Baritone**

**BENEDICTION**

*Thank you to our videographers this evening, Alexis and Stephanie Gould.*

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