

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN



CHURCH IN GERMANTOWN

ALIVE, APRIL 09, 2020
CELEBRATING
& SERVING
THE LIVING LORD!

*The mission of The First Presbyterian Church in Germantown
is to reflect the loving presence of Christ
as we serve others faithfully, worship God joyfully and share life together
in a diverse and generous community.*

Maundy Thursday

April 09, 2020

6:30 pm

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Rebecca Segers

Prelude: *Mankind, Lament Your Great Sins*

J.S. Bach

WE GATHER AS FAMILY IN FAITH

CALL TO WORSHIP

This is a day to remember.

We remember the Passover Jesus shared with his disciples.

We remember his new covenant of broken bread and cup.

We remember his night alone in the garden in prayer.

We remember his arrest, his trial, his suffering, the denial by his friend.

We remember this day and thank God for Jesus' presence with us then and with us now. Amen.

EVENING PRAYER

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 with dry and thirsty spirits. Remind us in the breaking of the bread of our need and of your sufficiency. Refresh us and make us whole with the cup of forgiveness even as we are apart. Draw us nearer to each other in mutual service and closer to you in the covenant of faithfulness and thanksgiving. As the night advances, deepen in us a sense of your steadfast love for us in Jesus Christ, our friend and redeemer.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

READING FROM SCRIPTURE

Exodus 12:1-14

BLESSING BEFORE SUPPER

WE SHARE SUPPER TOGETHER

We each enjoy the meals we have prepared separately together. There is opportunity for discussion and conversation verbally and via the chat feature.

THE PARADOX OF FAITH

WE STRIP THE TABLES

After supper together, the mood of the evening shifts dramatically from a light casual fellowship to a grave solemnity, foreboding events that follow supper, continue through the night and culminate the next day at Jesus' crucifixion and the disciples' abandonment of their Master. Please clear your respective tables of all bowls, utensils, tablecloths - everything. We enter this part of the service with tables and hearts bared before the Lord except for the elements of the Lord's Supper.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - THE APOSTLES' 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 Ghost, 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 at 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 Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and life everlasting. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

THE INVITATION

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

COMMUNION MEDITATION: *Prelude in C Major*

J.S. Bach

THE PRAYER AFTER SUPPER

A READING OF PSALM 22

Members of the Youth Groups, Jasmine Greene, Manni Heyer-Rivera, Emery Hood, Joshua Overton, and Siena Williams, will read the Psalm. Psalm 22 opens with the words that Jesus cried out from the cross and builds toward the coming of the kingdom of God.

WE DEPART IN PEACE

Brothers and sisters, remember this night.

Remember the fellowship of the table; the broken bread and the shared cup.

Go into this night remembering and celebrating Christ's presence among us.

Go in peace!

Amen.

Postlude: *Jesus, Priceless Treasure*

J.S. Bach

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