



LAUREL
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

Welcomes You to Worship!

Maundy Thursday

April 14, 2022 6 PM

Where Love is Known

PRELUDE

J. David Clatterbuck

RINGING OF THE HOUR

Janice Berger

WELCOME BELOVED ONES

The Rev. Ann D. Cherry

GATHERING AROUND LOVE

*HYMN

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

Hymn No. 216

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Pete MacRae

Leader: Come, Beloved Ones, and know who you are. Return to the One who formed you and calls you precious, honored, and beloved.

People: **We come as Beloved Ones longing to return to Love.**

Leader: Come, Beloved Ones, come and know who you are as we sit at table with our Suffering Servant at his last supper.

People: **We come as Beloved Ones longing to return to Love.**

Leader: Come, Beloved Ones, come and know who you are as he leaves us with these words, "I have given you a new commandment, that you are to love one another."

People: **We come as Beloved Ones longing to bear his beams of Love.**

*INVOCATION AND 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; lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

RECEIVING LOVE

CHORAL ANTHEM

On the Cross

Laurel Choir

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Ever Loving God, we gather at this hour as friends gathered with Jesus in an upper room long ago. We come bearing the marks of a bitter and broken world. A world that does not know the sacredness of your creation, and the sacredness of our own lives. Remind us to put aside our mocking and judgment so that we can see ourselves as you see us – as beloved, sacred and whole. Help us to see each other and your world with these same tender eyes, especially in the days ahead, for we pray this in the name of our Suffering Servant, who is and was and always will be, our Christ.

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION . . . Amen

FORGIVENESS OF SIN

Leader: Beloved, hear the good news: We are created in the very image and likeness of God. And because we are, we can always begin again and again to claim the love that claims us at the cross. Friends believe this good news!

All: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

RESPONSE

Jesus, Remember Me

Hymn No. 227

PROCLAIMING LOVE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

John 13: 1, 21-35 (NRSV)

ANTHEM

At the Lambs Feast We Sing

Laurel Choir

HOMILY

"Love is Stronger Still"

The Rev. Ann D. Cherry

RESPONDING IN LOVE

RESPONSE

Jesus, Remember Me

Hymn No. 227

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader: It is truly right and our greatest joy. . . Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with the heavenly choirs and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

People: 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.

Leader: We praise you, O majestic God . . . Accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving as a living and holy offering of ourselves, that our lives may proclaim the One crucified and risen:

People: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Leader: Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us . . . Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BEARING LOVE INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN
No. 228

Were You There (vs. 1, 2, & 3)

*COMMISSIONING AND BLESSING

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Leader: We have been cleansed; we have communed; we have sat at table with Jesus.

People: We have received God's forgiveness and blessing; we have been reconciled with God and with one another.

Leader: Let us embody the mandate we have from Jesus to "love one another, as I have loved you."

People: We will live our lives as disciples loving each other as God loves us, and seeing each other as God sees us, by honoring Christ in everyone and everything.

Leader: Go in peace to follow our Suffering Servant . . .

*RINGING OF THE BELL TWELVE TIMES

*THE SANCTUARY WILL BE STRIPPED OF ALL VESTMENTS IN PREPARATION FOR THE CROSS & TOMB

*SILENT EXIT

***Please feel free to stand and move during our worship service**

Lay Reader: Thank you to Pete MacRae for serving as our liturgist today.

Good Friday: Join us on tomorrow, April 15, from Noon-3 pm for a self-guided experience of letting go of all that is not of God as we join in solidarity with our Suffering Servant on the cross. The sanctuary will be opened during this time for meditation and prayer.

Of Special Note: We will be providing fish sandwiches and hot cross buns for those travelers of the cross :)

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