



## Order of Worship

March 28, 2024

### Prayer for Meditation

*God of light and truth, grant us peace as we gather tonight. May we draw closer to you as we recall again the suffering and service of Christ. Guide our hearts to follow his commandment to love one another, so that we sow seeds of healing and justice in our lives and in our world. Amen.*

### Prelude

What Wondrous Love Is This  
Ellie Swanson, *flute*

WONDROUS LOVE

### \*Call to Worship (*responsive*)

Along this way we have walked with Christ.

**Along this way we are invited to join him at his table.**

Along this way we fear the path ahead.

**Along this way we approach the cross.**

Along this way, Jesus says, "I give you a new commandment – love one another."

**We gather this night to proclaim God's love poured out along this way,  
as we open our hearts to heal, to love, and to serve Jesus Christ our Lord.**

### \*Hymn 202

An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare

O WALY WALY

<sup>1</sup> An upper room did our Lord prepare  
for those he loved until the end:  
and his disciples still gather there  
to celebrate their risen friend.

<sup>2</sup> A lasting gift Jesus gave his own:  
to share his bread, his loving cup.  
Whatever burdens may bow us down,  
he by his cross shall lift us up.

<sup>3</sup> And after supper he washed their feet,  
for service, too, is sacrament.  
In Christ our joy shall be made complete:  
sent out to serve, as he was sent.

<sup>4</sup> No end there is! We depart in peace.  
He loves beyond our uttermost:  
in every room in our Father's house  
Christ will be there, as Lord and Host.

Prayer of Confession

Annabelle Beavers

**Loving God, you taught us compassion. You took a servant's role and knelt at the feet of your friends. You shared a meal to remind us of your life-giving love. You call us to love one another too. Forgive us, Lord, for not practicing the compassion you modeled. Forgive us, Lord, for wanting to be served rather than to serve. Forgive us, Lord, for not loving you as you call us to love. Forgive us and heal us by your steadfast love made known to us in the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

*Silence – for prayers and contemplation*

Assurance of God's Promises

Friends in Christ, the Jesus we remember tonight is the Savior of the world.

**In Christ we are forgiven. Through him God abides even with us.**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow!**

Anthem

Lamb of God

F. Melius Christiansen

Lamb of God most holy!  
Who on the cross didst suffer.  
Patient still and lowly,  
Thyself to scorn didst offer;  
Our sins by thee were taken,  
Or hope had us forsaken:  
Have mercy on us, O Jesu!

*Words by Nicolaus Decius; trans. Arthur T. Russell*

Scripture Reading

Matthew 26:17-30

On the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Where do you want us to make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?" He said, "Go into the city to a certain man and say to him, 'The Teacher says, My time is near; I will keep the Passover at your house with my disciples.' " So the disciples did as Jesus had directed them, and they prepared the Passover meal. When it was evening, he took his place with the twelve disciples, and while they were eating he said, "Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me." And they became greatly distressed and began to say to him one after another, "Surely not I, Lord?" He answered, "The one who has dipped his hand into the bowl with me will betray me. The Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that one by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that one not to have been born." Judas, who betrayed him, said, "Surely not I, Rabbi?" He replied, "You have said so." While they were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body." Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you, I will never again drink of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom." When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

Meditation

*Table Talk*

Kate Fiedler

Anthem

*Ubi caritas*

Maurice Duruflé

*Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.  
Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor.  
Exsultemus, et in ipso iucundemur.  
Timeamus, et amemus Deum vivum.  
Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero.  
Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.*

Where charity and love are, God is there.  
Christ's love has gathered us into one.  
Let us rejoice and be pleased in God.  
Let us fear, and let us love the living God.  
And may we love each other with a sincere heart.  
Where charity and love are, God is there.

*Antiphon for Maundy Thursday; author unknown*

# Words of Invitation

Why do we gather and give thanks for this table?

**We gather and give thanks because God created the heavens and the earth. God made us in God's own image. Our lives belong to God. We gather here and give thanks because Jesus said, "Do this to remember me."**

What is the meaning of this bread and cup?

**Jesus took bread and said, "This is my body broken for you." Jesus took the cup and said, "This is the cup of the new covenant, for the forgiveness of your sins. All of you eat and drink in remembrance of me."**

What do we remember at this table?

**We remember God's gracious love that never ends. We remember Christ's suffering and death and resurrection. We remember the Spirit's tender care for our lives. We remember that we live by faith with God's sustaining care and grace.**

Whose table is this?

**This is the Lord's table. The Lord invites us all to come – for nourishment, for faith, to feast on God's presence and promises as we partake together.**

## Eucharistic Prayers

### Communion

*All are invited to come forward to receive the bread and the cup.*

*Please come forward from your section in the room when you are invited by one of the pastors.*

### Communion Hymn

### Jesus, Remember Me

### REMEMBER ME

The image shows two staves of musical notation for the hymn 'Jesus, Remember Me'. The first staff is in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is written on a single staff with lyrics underneath. The second staff is identical to the first, also in G major and 3/4 time, with the same melody and lyrics. The lyrics are: 'Je - sus, re - mem-ber me when you come in - to your king - dom.'

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

\*Hymn 498

Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken

BEACH SPRING

<sup>1</sup> Loaves were broken, words were spoken by the Galilean shore.  
Jesus, Bread of Life from heaven, was their food forevermore.  
By your body broken for us, by your wine of life outpoured,  
Jesus, feed again your people. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

<sup>2</sup> Loaves were broken, words were spoken in a quiet room one night.  
In the bread and wine you gave them, Christ, you came as Light from Light.  
By your body broken for us, by your wine of life outpoured,  
Jesus, feed again your people. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

<sup>3</sup> Loaves are broken, words are spoken, as in faith we gather here.  
Jesus speaks across the ages: "I am with you; do not fear!"  
By your body broken for us, by your wine of life outpoured,  
Jesus, feed again your people. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

<sup>4</sup> By the loaves you break and give us, send us in your name to share  
bread for which the millions hunger, words that tell your love and care.  
By your body broken for us, by your wine of life outpoured,  
Jesus, feed again your people. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

\*Benediction

\*Postlude

Prelude in Bb Minor

J.S. Bach

