



Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church

April 6, 2023
7:30 p.m., Sanctuary
Maundy Thursday

PRELUDE

Variations on *Wondrous Love*

Samuel Barber

WELCOME

Franklyn C. Pottorff

† CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Jesus said: "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another." On this day Christ gave himself into the hands of those who would slay him.

All: Christ gathered with his disciples in the upper room.

One: Christ took a towel and washed the disciples' feet, giving us an example that we should do to others as he has done for us.

All: Christ our God gave us this holy feast, that we who eat this bread and drink this cup may here proclaim his holy sacrifice and be partakers of his resurrection.

† HYMN 525

Let Us Break Bread Together

LET US BREAK BREAD

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

Loving and Eternal 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 from various places,
with dry and thirsty spirits.
In Jesus Christ you fill our hearts and quench our thirst,
but we are slow to share the feast with others.
By your mercy, forgive us and restore us.
Lead us once again to your table,
and unite us to the bread of life and cup of salvation.

A moment of silence for personal reflection and confession.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Jesus gave his life and died for us,

All: So that we may be forgiven,

One: And our sins be washed away.

All: Cleansed of our sin, let us serve one another. Amen.

Rebecca Kirkpatrick

ANTHEM O Vos Omnes Pablo Casals
O ye people that are passing by me and see me, behold and see and consider if
there be any sorrow as mine. O ye people, is it nothing to you?

SERMON *Amen* Agnes W. Norfleet

OFFERING Rebecca Kirkpatrick

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Communion will be served by intinction. Come forward by the center aisle, take a piece of bread and dip it in the cup, returning by the side aisle. Gluten free bread is on the table between the servers. If you are unable to come forward, servers will come to your pew.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER *(in unison)*

Franklyn C. Pottorff

Holy God, we have feasted in memory of the night Jesus was betrayed and in the confidence that we will feast again with him in glory. We give you thanks for the gift of this meal, shared among friends. We give you thanks for the gift of Jesus' life, his body broken for us. Give us grace to bear the fruit of your vine that the world might have life in his name. Amen.

† **HYMN 215**

What Wondrous Love is This

WONDROUS LOVE

STRIPPING OF THE CHURCH

The stripping of the church is a practice that dates from the seventh century as a vivid and dramatic way of showing forth the desolation and abandonment of Jesus in Gethsemane.

The congregation is invited to leave in silence.

BULLETIN COVER

The Lord's Prayer Windows, BMPC Sanctuary
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The embroidered cut-work communion cloth on the table was given in 1981 to the glory of God by Cdr. and Mrs. George C. McFarland.