

MAUNDY THURSDAY



Hartwood Presbyterian Church

Our mission is to develop disciples by
providing worship, fellowship and service
through Jesus Christ.

Pastor: Reverend Doctor Scott Fouts

Music Director: Lara Brittain

April 1, 2020 / 7:00 PM

The People Gather

Night of Anguish

Announcements

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The Call to Worship (responsive)

Book of Common Worship

Pastor: On this day, Christ the Lamb of God gave Himself into the hands of those who would slay Him.

People: On this day, Christ gathered with His disciples in the Upper Room.

Pastor: On this day, Christ took a towel and washed the disciples' feet, giving us an example that we should do to others as He has done to us.

People: On this day, Christ our God gave us this Holy Feast, that we would eat this bread and drink this cup may here proclaim His Holy Sacrifice and be partakers of His resurrection and at the last day may reign with Him in Heaven.

Prayer of Adoration (unison)

Holy God, source of all love, on the night of His betrayal Jesus gave His disciples a new commandment to love one another as He loved them. Write this commandment on our hearts, give us the will to serve others as He was the servant of all, who gave His life and died for us, yet is alive and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God. Now and forever. Amen.

***Our Opening Hymn # 177 "What Wondrous Love Is This" (red hymnal / see insert)**

We Humble Ourselves in Confession

A Call to Confession

Romans 5: 8-9

But God demonstrated His own love for us in this: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since we have now been justified by His blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through Him.

The Prayer of Confession (unison)

Eternal God whose covenant with us is never broken, we confess that we fail to fulfill Your will. Though You have bound Yourself to us, we will not bind ourselves to You. In Jesus Christ You serve us freely, but we refuse Your love and withhold ourselves from others. We do not love You fully or love one another as You command. In Your mercy, forgive and cleanse us. Lead us once again to Your table and unite us to Christ, who is the Bread of Life and The Vine from which we grow in grace. Amen.

Bold = people participate

The Assurance of Pardon

Luke 1: 78-79

By the tender mercy of our God the dawn on high will break upon us to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death to guide our feet into the way of peace. We are forgiven. We are given New Life. Let us live into this New Life in love, mercy, and peace. Amen.

We Listen for God's Word

A Prayer for Illumination

First Reading: The Last Supper, Mark 14: 22-25

As they were eating, he took bread, blessed and broke it, gave it to them, and said, "Take it; this is my body." Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks, he gave it to them, and they all drank from it. He said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. Truly I tell you, I will no longer drink of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God."

***Hymn #186 "The Old Rugged Cross"** (*red hymnal / see insert*)

Second Reading: Gethsemane, Matthew 26: 36-46

Then Jesus came with them to a place called Gethsemane, and he told the disciples, "Sit here while I go over there and pray." Taking along Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, he began to be sorrowful and troubled. He said to them, "I am deeply grieved[a] to the point of death. Remain here and stay awake with me." Going a little farther,[b] he fell facedown and prayed, "My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will." Then he came to the disciples and found them sleeping. He asked Peter, "So, couldn't you stay awake with me one hour? Stay awake and pray, so that you won't enter into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak." Again, a second time, he went away and prayed, "My Father, if this[c] cannot pass[d] unless I drink it, your will be done." And he came again and found them sleeping, because they could not keep their eyes open. After leaving them, he went away again and prayed a third time, saying the same thing once more. Then he came to the disciples and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and resting? See, the time is near. The Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up; let's go. See, my betrayer is near."

***Hymn #176 "Lead Me to Calvary"** (*red hymnal / see insert*)

Third Reading: Jesus' Arrest, John 18: 2-12

Judas, who betrayed him, also knew the place, because Jesus often met there with his disciples. So Judas took a company of soldiers and some officials from the chief priests and the Pharisees and came there with lanterns, torches, and weapons. Then Jesus, knowing everything that was about to happen to him, went out and said to them, "Who is it that you're seeking?" "Jesus of Nazareth," they answered. "I am he," Jesus told them. Judas, who betrayed him, was also standing with them. When Jesus told them, "I am he," they stepped back and fell to the ground. Then he asked them again, "Who is it that you're seeking?" "Jesus of Nazareth," they said. "I told you I am he," Jesus replied. "So if you're looking for me, let these men go. "This was to fulfill the words he had said: "I have not lost one of those you have given me." Then Simon Peter, who had a

sword, drew it, struck the high priest's servant, and cut off his right ear. (The servant's name was Malchus.) At that, Jesus said to Peter, "Put your sword away! Am I not to drink the cup the Father has given me?" Then the company of soldiers, the commander, and the Jewish officials arrested Jesus and tied him up.

***Hymn #181 "Were You There?"** (*red hymnal / see insert*)

Fourth Reading: Peter Denies His Lord, Luke 22: 54-71

They seized him, led him away, and brought him into the high priest's house. Meanwhile Peter was following at a distance. They lit a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat down together, and Peter sat among them. When a servant saw him sitting in the light, and looked closely at him, she said, "This man was with him too." But he denied it: "Woman, I don't know him." After a little while, someone else saw him and said, "You're one of them too." "Man, I am not!" Peter said. About an hour later, another kept insisting, "This man was certainly with him, since he's also a Galilean." But Peter said, "Man, I don't know what you're talking about!" Immediately, while he was still speaking, a rooster crowed. Then the Lord turned and looked at Peter. So Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said to him, "Before the rooster crows today, you will deny me three times." And he went outside and wept bitterly. The men who were holding Jesus started mocking and beating him. After blindfolding him, they kept asking, "Prophecy! Who was it that hit you?" And they were saying many other blasphemous things to him. When daylight came, the elders of the people, both the chief priests and the scribes, convened and brought him before their Sanhedrin. They said, "If you are the Messiah, tell us." But he said to them, "If I do tell you, you will not believe. And if I ask you, you will not answer. But from now on, the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of the power of God." They all asked, "Are you, then, the Son of God?" And he said to them, "You say that I am." "Why do we need any more testimony," they said, "since we've heard it ourselves from his mouth?"

***Hymn #185 "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"** (*red hymnal / see insert*)

The People Respond

The Sharing of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

The Invitation to the Table
The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving
Moment of Reflection on Maundy Thursday
The Lord's Prayer (unison)
The Breaking of the Bread
The Sharing of the Loaf and Cup
Words of Institution