

First Presbyterian Church of Redwood Falls

Our Vision Statement of the First Presbyterian Church of Redwood Falls is: God's timeless love transforms each of us to joyously continue the ministry of Jesus Christ in our community and in our world.

March 29, 2018 ~ Maundy Thursday

Ministers: The members of the congregation

Rev. Pamela Prouty

Prelude

Congregational Introit #203

"Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love" (Stanza 4)

Welcome

Scripture Reading

Mark 14:1-11

Call to Worship

L: Amid all good things competing for our attention, where shall we go to find bread?

P: We come to the upper room, seeking a table prepared for Jesus' disciples.

L: Among all the activities we can choose, where shall we invest our time and efforts?

P: The church invites our discipleship, calling us into the body of Christ.

L: Among all who claim our loyalty, who encompasses the whole of life and truth?

P: God in Christ offers us wholeness, bringing all the pieces of our lives together.

Scripture Reading

Mark 14: 12-31

Opening Prayer

On this holy night, filled with ominous foreboding, we dare to come to the feast of life. We gather to honor Jesus, who showed us the way of faithful service, and who loved us enough to give up this earthly existence that we might know your unconditional love. In thanksgiving and praise we come to commune and find our identity with Christ. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Mark 14:32-52

Hymn #221

"O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"

Call to Confession

The psalmist assures us that the death of the saints is precious in God's sight. Tonight we have gathered in the shadow of Jesus' death for the sins of all humankind. We have answered the invitation of a loving God who wills that none of us be lost in our disobedience, self-centeredness, and alienation. Let us pray that all of our sin may be wiped away.

Unison Confession

Merciful God, we are torn between the shadow of Good Friday and the feast Christ spreads before us. We come with the sorrowful question, "Is it I?" We know the answer, for we have denied and betrayed. We have broken covenant and turned from grace. We are ruled by what seems to work at the moment, not by eternal truths. How can we ask for forgiveness when we find it so difficult to change? Good God, deliver us. Loving Savior, give pardon. Ever-present Spirit, grant transformation!

Silent Confession

Declaration of Forgiveness

God offers us the cup of salvation, not as something we have earned but as a gift to all who will accept it. The blood of the new covenant is poured out for many. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace! Amen!

Response Hymn #447
Share the Peace of Christ

"We Are Forgiven"

Scripture Reading
Choir Anthem

Mark 14:53-72

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

Scripture Reading
Hymn #215

Mark 15:1-20

"What Wondrous Love Is This?" (Stanzas 1 and 2)

Scripture Reading
Hymn #215

Mark 15:21-32

"What Wondrous Love Is This?" (Stanzas 3 and 4)

Scripture Reading
Time of Silence

Mark 15:33-46

Offertory
Unison Prayer

We dedicate the work of our hands to building the community of saints. May our offerings be a hymn of praise to our Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer in whose name we pray. Amen.

Hymn #202
Communion
Invitation

"An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare"

Prayer with the Lord's Prayer
Words of Institution
Communion of the People

As the elements are passed around the table say "The Bread of Life" to the person you are passing the bread, and "The Cup of Salvation" to the person you are passing the juice. We will partake the bread and juice together as one community.

Prayer Following Communion
Hymn #228

"Were You There"

All depart in silence.

The Community Good Friday Service will be here at 12:05 pm.
The choir will sing; practice is at 11:30 am.
Join us Easter morning for breakfast at 8:45, and worship at 10:15.