

# 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.

April 18, 2019 ~ Maundy Thursday

Ministers: The members of the congregation

**Rev. Pamela Prouty**

## Prelude

**Congregational Introit #223 "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"** (stanzas 1 & 4)

## Opening Sentences

L: Jesus said I give you a new commandment, that you love one another.

**P: Just as Christ has loved us, let us love one another.**

L: Beloved people of God: This is the day when Christ, our Passover Lamb, surrendered himself to those who would kill him, setting us free from sin and death forever.

**P: This is the day when Christ, our Teacher and Lord, knelt to wash the disciples' feet, showing us how to love and serve one another.**

L: This is the day when Christ, the bread of heaven, shared a holy meal with his followers,

**P: offering a feast of abundant life and grace for all.**

## Unison Prayer

O God, Your love is embodied in Jesus Christ. Wash us from the stain of sin, so that, in hours of danger, we may not fail, but follow Your Son through every trial, and praise Him always as Lord and Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**\*Hymn #216 "Beneath the Cross of Jesus"**

## Call to Confession

### Unison Confession

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 do 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. Lord, have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

## Silent Confession

## Declaration of Forgiveness

**Sung Response #227 "Jesus, Remember Me"** (sing twice)

## Share the Peace of Christ

**Choir Anthem "Alas, and Did My Savior Bleed"**

## Prayer of Illumination

**Responsive Psalm**

Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19

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**Scripture Reading**

John 13:1-17, 31b-35

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## Meditation

## Offertory

**\*Sung Response #215 "What Wondrous Love is This"** (stanza 3)

## \*Unison Prayer

Thanks be to You, Good and Gracious God, who blesses us every day. Thanks be to You, Good and Gracious God, for this opportunity to offer ourselves and our resources to You. Thanks be to You, Good and Gracious God, for these offerings that will spread Your love everywhere. Amen.

**\*Hymn #202 "An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare"**

## Communion

## Invitation to the Lord's Table

## Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

L: The Lord be with you.

**P: And also with you.**

L: Lift up your hearts.

**P: We lift them up to the Lord.**

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

**P: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

L: It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, O Lord our God, creator and ruler of the universe. . . . therefore we praise you, joining our voices with the celestial choirs and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

**P: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is one who comes in your name. Hosanna in the highest.**

L: You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.... 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. Great is the mystery of faith:

**P: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

L: Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and wine. As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

**P: Our Father.....**

### **Breaking of the Bread**

#### **Communion of the People**

*As you come forward, us the the far East aisle (by the pulpit). Partake of communion and return to your seat using the far West aisle (by the lectern). There is a place to dispose of the cup by the piano.*

### **Unison Prayer after Communion**

God of Grace, we give You thanks for the feast of redemption we have shared in the body and blood of our Savior. As You have nourished us with love, let our lives proclaim Your great love for the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

### **Stripping of the Church**

*During the stripping of the church, we will sing #228 "Were You There."*

*After the stripping of the church, all depart in silence. The service continues Good Friday at 12:05 at the Redwood Alliance Church.*