

# 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 28, 2024 ~ 7:00 pm

## Assemble in God's Name

*"Meditation for Passiontide"* Elaine Hagen

### **Prelude**

### **Welcome**

(There is an offering plate in the back of the sanctuary, if you would like to give an offering tonight.)

### **Call to Worship**

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: This the day when Christ, our Passover Lamb, surrendered Himself to those who would kill Him,

P: **setting us free from sin and death forever.**

L: This is the day when Christ, our Teacher and Lord, knelt down to wash the disciples' feet,

P: **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.**

### **Prayer of Invocation**

O God, Your love is embodied in Jesus Christ, who washed disciples' feet on the night of His betrayal. 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 #202**

*"An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare"*

### **Call to Confession**

The proof of God's amazing love is this: while we were sinners, Christ died for us. Because we have faith in Him, we dare to approach God with confidence. In faith, in penitence, let us confess our sins before God and one another.

### **Prayer of Confession in 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 got in grace. Lord have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

### **Time for Silent Prayer of Confession**

### **Assurance of Pardon**

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. May the God of mercy who forgives you all your sins, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

### **Response: Hymn #581 "Gloria Patri"**

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.*

### **Prayer of Illumination**

Eternal God, by Your Word and Spirit, You have given us a new commandment: to love and serve one another in Jesus' name. Let the good news of Your liberating love be sealed in our hearts and shown in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Hymn #203**

*"Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love"*

**Responsive Reading:** Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19

**Gospel Lesson:** John 13:1-17,31b-35

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**Sermon**

**Hymn #521**            *"In Remembrance of Me"*

**Holy Communion**

**Anthem:** Chancel Choir

**The Stripping of the Church**

**Leave in Silence**

We are hosting the Redwood Area Ministerial Association  
Community Good Friday Service tomorrow at 12:05 p.m. Several  
area pastors will be participating in the service.

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