

## Assemble in God's Name

### Prelude

### Ringing of the Church Bell

### Welcome

### Read Vision Statement

*God's timeless love transforms each of us to joyously continue the ministry of Jesus Christ in our community and in our world.*

### \* Call to Worship

L: 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.

**P: On this day, Christ gathered with His disciples in the upper room.**

L: On this day, Christ took a towel and washed the disciples' feet.

**P: On this day, Christ broke bread for His disciples, telling them to eat.**

L: On this day, Christ poured out wine, telling them to drink of the cup of new life.

**P: On this day, Christ gave His whole self that we, too, might follow and find abundant life.**

### \* Prayer of Invocation

Gracious God, we gather tonight to remember Your Son, Jesus, and His sacrifice of love for us. We remember the Last Supper, a meal of profound meaning, and His final words to His disciples: "Love one another as I have loved you." Help us to open our hearts to this commandment of love, and to act on it in every way. May we see the image of Christ in all our fellow human beings, and may we be moved to serve and love them as he served and loved us. As we reflect on the suffering and sacrifice of our Lord, grant us strength and grace to carry our crosses and follow in His footsteps. May our lives be a testament to Your love, and may we be instruments of Your peace in this world. Amen.

\* Hymn #498 "Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken"

### \* Call to Confession

### \* Unison Prayer of 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.

### \* Time for Silent Prayers of Confession

### \* Assurance of Pardon

Friends, the story we tell tonight is a story of the deepest love; love that would offer forgiveness even to the traitor at its right hand. The bread was for us; the cup, for us; the cross, for us; we are forgiven, not easily, but the hard way. We are forgiven, not cheaply, but wholly. We are forgiven, and we are freed. Praise be to God. Amen.

\* Response: #515 "I Come With Joy" (vs 1)

*I come with joy, a child of God, forgiven, loved, and free, the life of Jesus to recall, in love laid for me, in love laid down for me.*

\* Share the Peace of Christ with One Another

Anthem

"Lenten Carol"

Chancel Choir

## Proclaim God's Word

### Prayer of Illumination

Almighty God, by Your Holy Spirit, illumine the sacred page, we pray, that our minds may be open to receive Your Word, our hearts taught to love it, and our wills strengthened to obey it; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

1 I love the Lord, who has heard my voice, and listened to my | supplication,

**2 for the Lord has given | ear to me whenever I called.**

12 How shall I repay the Lord for all the good things God has done for me?

**13 I will lift the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.**

14 I will fulfill my vows to the Lord in the presence of all God's people.

**15 Precious in your sight, O Lord, is the death of your servants.**

16 O Lord, truly I am your servant; I am your servant, the child of your handmaid; you have freed me from my bonds.

**17 I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call upon the name of the Lord.**

18 I will fulfill my vows to the Lord in the presence of | all God's people,

**19 in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.**

**Gospel Reading:** Matthew 26:20-29

20 When it was evening, [Jesus] took his place with the twelve disciples,[c] 21 and while they were eating he said, "Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me."

22 And they became greatly distressed and began to say to him one after another, "Surely not I, Lord?" 23 He answered, "The one who has dipped his hand into the bowl with me will betray me. 24 The Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that one by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It

would have been better for that one not to have been born.” 25 Judas, who betrayed him, said, “Surely not I, Rabbi?” He replied, “You have said so.” 26 While they were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it[d] he broke it, gave it to the disciples, and said, “Take, eat; this is my body.” 27 Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you, 28 for this is my blood of the[e] covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. 29 I tell you, I will never again drink of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father’s kingdom.”

**Sermon:** Quentin Markfort

\* Hymn #519 “You Are My Strength When I Am Weak”

\* The Apostle’s Creed: (page 35 in hymnal)

### The Sacrament of Holy Communion

#### **The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving**

L: The Lord be with you.

**P: And also with you.**

L: Lift up your hearts.

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

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

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

L: ...Therefore, in all times and places, Your people proclaim Your glory in ending praise:

**P: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

#### **Words of Institution**

L: ...Holy and acceptable in Your sight, together we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

L: In communion with them and with all creation we worship You and glorify You always:

**P: Through Your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in Your holy church, all glory and honor is Yours, almighty God, now and forever. Amen.**

#### **Distribution**

#### **Post Communion Prayer**

## **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 2, 2026 - Maundy Thursday**

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## We Honor Jesus' Death

\*Hymn #220

“Go to Dark Gethsemane”

### **Litany of Remembrance**

L: Let us remember Jesus: who, though rich, became poor and dwelt among us, who was mighty indeed, healing the sick and the troubled, who, as a teacher to His disciples, was their companion and servant.

**P: May we ever be grateful for Jesus the Christ and what He has done for us.**

L: Let us remember Jesus who prayed for the forgiveness of those who rejected Him and for the perfecting of those who received Him, who loved all people, and prayed for them, even if they denied and rejected Him; who hated sin because He knew the cost of pride and selfishness, of cruelty and hatred, both to people and to God.

**P: May we ever be grateful for Jesus the Christ and what He has done for us.**

L: Let us remember Jesus, who humbled Himself, obedient unto the cross. God has exalted Him who has redeemed us from the bondage of sin and given us new freedom.

**P: May we ever be grateful for Jesus the Christ and what He has done for us and continues to do for us.**

### **Reading: Matthew 27:24-31**

24 Pilate saw that there was nothing he could do and that the people were starting to riot. So he took some water and washed his hands[a] in front of them and said, “I won’t have anything to do with killing this man. You are the ones doing it!”

25 Everyone answered, “We and our own families will take the blame for his death!”

26 Pilate set Barabbas free. Then he ordered his soldiers to beat Jesus with a whip and nail him to a cross.

27 The governor’s soldiers led Jesus into the fortress[b] and brought together the rest of the troops. 28 They stripped off Jesus’ clothes and put a scarlet robe[c] on him. 29 They made a crown out of thorn branches and placed it on his head, and they put a stick in his right hand. The soldiers knelt down and pretended to worship him. They made fun of him and shouted, “Hey, you king of the Jews!” 30 Then they spit on him. They took the stick from him and beat him on the head with it.

31 When the soldiers had finished making fun of Jesus, they took off the robe. They put his own clothes back on him and led him off to be nailed to a cross.

## Stripping of The Church

During the stripping of the church, we will sing  
Hymn #102 “Were You There”

Following the stripping of the church, we will leave in silence.

*\*Please stand in body or spirit.*

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**Join us Easter morning at 10:15 am for worship lead by Andrew Stephens & Elliott Klavetter.**