

Community Presbyterian Church

6:30 pm April 9th, 2020

Maunday Thursday

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Preaching: Travis Remme

Musician: Donna Bennett

Prelude (A Time of Quiet Meditation)

Call to Worship

L: Little children, I am only with you a little longer, Jesus says.

C: We come to draw near to our Lord, to dwell in the gathering darkness, to remember and grieve.

L: Jesus as I have loved you, you also should love one another, Jesus says.

C: We gather to feast at the table of grace, to kneel at the feet of our friends, to learn the way of sacrifice and service.

L: Jesus' hour has come to depart from this world. Our hour has come to wait, to watch, and to pray.

C: Let us worship the One who loves us to the end.

*Call to Confession

Tonight we sit at the table with Judas, who betrays Jesus with a kiss; and with Peter, who-three times-denies our Lord; and with all other disciples, who fail to keep watch and pray.

We are not so different than the twelve. For we, too, have turned from Christ when the demands of faith seemed too great.

Yet, Christ loved his own to the end. And, Christ loves us to the end. With confidence, let us confess how we too, have fallen short.

* Prayer of Confession unison

Do you know what I have done for you? This, Lord, you have asked of your disciples. And this, Lord, you ask of us.

And the answer is: "Yes". "We do know."

Do you know what I have done for you? Yes, Lord, we do. But we often forget.

We forget that true discipleship means caring for others with a servant's heart- those who have been cast aside, those who feel unworthy of love, those we deem undeserving of grace.

For our forgetfulness, for our fearfulness, for our faithlessness

forgive us, Lord.

As you kneel like a servant before us, as you break bread and offer the cup, as you show us, once again, what it means to serve, break open our hearts, and fill us with your steadfast love, so that we might pour ourselves out in service.

Assurance Of Pardon

Like water poured out over dusty feet, like wine flowing into the cup of salvation, God's grace washes over us. For Christ loves us fully. Christ loves us completely. Christ loves us to the end.

Thanks be to God.

Scripture

John 13:1-17, 31-35

Message

"How will others know?"

Holy Communion (again symbolic) the readings will be read :
This will be done by reading through and talking about the body and blood of our Lord in a symbolic way.

Affirmation of faith: (in unison)

God's reconciling act in Jesus Christ is a mystery which the scriptures describe in various ways. It is called the sacrifice of a lamb, a shepherd's life given for his sheep, atonement by a priest; again it is ransom of a slave, payment of debt, vicarious satisfaction of a legal penalty, and victory over the powers of evil. These are expressions of a truth which remains beyond the reach of all theory in the depths of God's love for humankind. They reveal the gravity, cost, and sure achievement of God's reconciling work.

*Benediction

*Congregational Response "Alleluia"

*Postlude

*Please stand if able.

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