



Aldersgate United Methodist Church

March 28, 2024 - 7:00 PM

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GATHERING

A TIME OF SILENCE AND CENTERING **Please remain silent*

GREETING AND WELCOME

Reverend Dr. Kyung-Hee Sa

***CALL TO WORSHIP** *(responsively)*

Reverend Robert Broesler

L: Come, you with dirty feet, aching backs, and weary souls.

P: We come bearing a heavy load of worry, frustration, and isolation.

L: Come, you who are hungry, thirsty, longing to meet the one who will feed you, body and soul.

P: We come with emptiness in our stomachs and our hearts, desperate to be filled.

L: Come to meet Jesus who kneels to wash our dirt and grime, who feeds us with bread and with love that never ends.

P: We come to receive the balm for our anxiety, the provision for our hunger, the antidote for our loneliness.

L: Come to receive a new commandment: love one another as Christ has loved you.

P: We come to embrace this new commandment so that everyone will know we are disciples of Jesus Christ, God Incarnate who came to live and love among us. Amen.

***HYMN, 292**

What Wondrous Love Is This

WONDROUS LOVE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Reverend Robert Broesler

P: God of Self-Giving Love, we thank you because you have heard our voice and listened to our supplications. Yet we confess that we often express our gratitude in word only; Too often, our thankfulness is not expressed in faithful actions. Forgive us for the moments when we've betrayed you: for the times we've turned our backs on the poor... for the times we've shunned those who scare us... for the times we've included only those who look and act like us... for the times we've forgotten our call as hopeful disciples... Forgive us for the moments when we've betrayed you. Gracious Lord, you are headed to the cross. Help us to take up our cross and love one another as you have first loved us. Amen.

L: Just as the blood of a lamb protected the Israelites from death, so too does Jesus' death and resurrection protect us from death's grasp. Friends, I proclaim to you that our sins are forgiven.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 26:17-30 (NKJV)

Reverend Robert Broesler

CHANCEL CHOIR ANTHEM

God So Loved the World

Chancel Choir

John Stainer

MESSAGE

Is It I, Lord?

Reverend Dr. Kyung-Hee Sa

THANKSGIVING

EUCCHARIST AND COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BREAKING THE BREAD

GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Reverend Dr. Kyung-Hee Sa

STRIPPING OF THE LORD'S TABLE AND SANCTUARY

SILENT MEDITATION

SENDING FORTH

***DISMISSAL IN SILENCE** *Please maintain silence as you depart the Sanctuary.*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING FOR HOLY THURSDAY EVENING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth. From the earth you bring forth bread and create the fruit of the vine. You formed us in your image, delivered us from captivity, and made covenant to be our sovereign God. You fed us manna in the wilderness, and gave us grapes as evidence of the promised land. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

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.

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. When we turned aside from your way and abused your gifts, you gave us in him your crowning gift. Emptying himself that our joy might be full, he fed the hungry, healed the sick, ate with scorned and forgotten, washed his disciples' feet, and gave a holy meal as a pledge of his abiding presence.

By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith. **Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet. Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven; hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

BREAKING THE BREAD

Because there is one loaf, we, who are many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf. The bread which we break is a sharing in the body of Christ.

The cup over which we give thanks is a sharing in the blood of Christ.

GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

The body of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**

The blood of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**

CLOSING PRAYER

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Altar Duty:	Dinah Schlecht and Bev Barker
AV Tech:	Ryan McKeever
Greeters:	Donnie DeVoll and Martin Wagner
Head Usher:	Steve Davis
Music:	Anastasiia Sidorova, Director of Music Mark Sobol, Organist

Come and Worship

Easter Worship Services – March 31

6:30 AM Sunrise Service, Mt. Lebanon (850 Mt. Lebanon Road)

9 AM Contemporary Service

11 AM Traditional Service

Sunday, April 7 at 10 AM for our Unified Worship Service

Pentecost Sunday

Graduation Sunday

Sunday May 19, 2024

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