



First Presbyterian
Church | **Kerrville**

Maundy Thursday
March 29, 2018

God-centered worship
Christ-centered service
Spirit-led lives

PRELUDE

Prayer

Davies

†CALL TO WORSHIP

At the close of day we gather.
Our Lenten journey has brought us here.
Jesus, our Teacher and Lord, sets before us:
a towel, a bowl, bread, a cup.
Jesus gives us an example and a commandment ever-new:
to love one another as he has loved us.
This is how everyone will know we are his disciples:
when we love each other.

†HYMN 504

We Come as Guests Invited

†PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord Jesus Christ,
how well you know our hearts,
and still you love us—you have loved us to the end.
We have denied you,
and we have denied our calling to serve one another.
We have betrayed you,
and we have betrayed your commandment to love one another.
Pour out your Spirit of grace upon us.
Teach us to love and serve you faithfully
and to love and serve one another by the example you set for us;
in your holy name we pray. Amen.

Silent Prayer

†DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Now the Lord Jesus Christ has been seen for who he is
and God has been seen for who he is in him.
Now the promise is fulfilled,
and love's redeeming work is done.
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God!

†RESPONSE

Hymn 434

*Restore in us, O God, the splendor of your love;
renew your image in our hearts, and all our sins remove.
Three-personed God, fulfill the promise of your grace;
that we, when all our searching ends, may see you face to face.*

CONVERSATION WITH CHILDREN

SOLO

Sarabande

Bach

LESSON

John 13:1-17, 31b-35

p.876 N.T.

HOMILY

Where We See God the Most

Rob Lohmeyer

†HYMN 215

What Wondrous Love Is This

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you,

and also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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 debts as we forgive our debtors;

and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF BREAD AND THE SHARING OF GOD'S GIFTS

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

UNISON PRAYER

Lord our God, we rise from this table knowing a love beyond our deserving.

Thank you for giving us a place at your table, a role in your story;

for serving us the bread of life; for giving us a commandment for living;

for offering to us, even to us, the cup of salvation.

In humility and hope, we go now from this night

to your promised day. In Christ we pray. Amen.

STRIPPING OF THE CHURCH

HYMN 727

Will You Let Me Be Your Servant

stanzas 1-4

DISMISSAL

All Depart in Silence.

See the back of the bulletin for further instructions.

The service continues on Good Friday at eight o'clock p.m.

Worship Notes

Communion is served tonight by intinction. All of today's elements are gluten free. You will be invited to come forward; take a piece of bread and dip it into the chalice of juice. If you are not able, someone will come to you.

Through the ages, Christians have gathered on Maundy Thursday to remember Jesus' last meal with his disciples on the same night when he was later betrayed. Our word "maundy" comes from the Latin word, *mandatum*, meaning "commandment." For on this night, 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. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another" (John 13:34-35).

The stripping of the church at the end of the service symbolizes the desertion of those who had shared the meal with Jesus that night.



Please take time to silence your cell phones so we may all be fully present in this time and space.

Worship Leaders

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Rob Lohmeyer
Elaine Dreeben

Assisting Worship Leaders

William Jackson
Harper Mitchell
Keaton Mitchell
Robert Jackson
Emilia Graham
Josh Graham, Jr.
Max Lane
June Rye
Christopher Jones
Braedon Schlechte

Ushers

Don Coombs
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Musicians

Kevin Dugat-Trombonist
Judy Liljestrang, Floutist
Tim Wilborn, Organist

Communion Servers

John Ruth
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