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WELCOME TO ELFINWILD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*We offer a warm welcome to every worshipper,
and a way to serve for all who are willing.*

**ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR MAUNDY THURSDAY
March 29, 2018
7:30 PM Worship**

Elfinwild Presbyterian Church
Order of Worship for Maundy Thursday

To prepare for worship, you may want to reflect on Scripture or pray.

Jesus replied, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. I tell you the truth, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds. The man who loves his life will lose it, while the man who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be" John 12:23-26.

March 29, 2018

Seven Thirty O'Clock

PRELUDE

"Arioso"

J.S. Bach

WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE CHURCH

(Please sign the friendship pad that is located near the center aisle of each pew.)

CALL TO WORSHIP

John 11:7-16

Leader: Jesus said: Let us go back to Judea.

All: But Rabbi, a short while ago the Jews tried to stone you, and yet you are going back?

Leader: Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to wake him up.

All: Lord, if he sleeps he will get better.

Leader: Lazarus is dead, and for your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.

All: Thomas said, "Let us go, that we may die with him."

***HYMN NO. 384**

"O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go"

***PRAYER OF ADORATION AND INVOCATION**

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

John 13:38

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord Jesus, like Judas, we have betrayed You; like Peter, we have denied You; and like the other disciples, we have forsaken You. Yet You remain faithful to us unto death, even death on a cross. We plead for Your forgiveness and mercy. And we ask that You strengthen us so that we do not turn aside but follow You to the very end— for the final victory belongs to You. Amen

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

We have seen and do testify that the Father has sent His Son as the Savior of the world, God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Brothers and sisters in Christ, the Jesus we remember tonight is the Savior of the world. In Christ we are forgiven. And through Him God abides with even us. Praise God, from whom all blessings flow!

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News!

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

SCRIPTURE READING

John 13:1-17

MEDITATION

"Washing Another's Feet"

Dr. Dirk M. Lesnett

HYMN OF PREPARATION NO. 517

"We Come as Guests Invited"

COMING TO THE TABLE

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

***CLOSING HYMN NO. 94**

"An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare"

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

"Break Thou the Bread of Life"

Karrin Ford

*All who are able, please stand

Ushers will be at the doors this evening to collect your tithes and offerings as you leave the sanctuary.



UPCOMING SERVICES

GOOD FRIDAY, March 30, 2018

7:30 PM

EASTER SUNDAY, April 1, 2018

7:00, 8:30 & 11:10 AM Communion Worship Services

Dr. Dirk Lesnett preaching