

## **DISTRIBUTION OF THE BREAD AND CUP**

*The bread is passed to the right, each person holding the tray offers the bread to one to his or her right with words, like, "the body of Christ broken for you." After all have received the bread, the cups are passed to the right with words like, "the cup of salvation poured out for you."*

*When all have received the cup, all at the table may partake together.*

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**Holy God, we give you thanks that you have claimed us as your own and nourished us in this meal as members of Christ's body.**

**By the work of your Spirit within us give us the grace to glorify you as one, living body in the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **DEPARTING TO LIVE GOD'S WORD**

### **\*HYMN #300**

*We Are One in the Spirit (Verses 1-3)*

### **\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

Leader: Christ's love has washed us clean.

**People: Christ has chosen us as his own.**

Leader: Christ's love has fed us with the bread of life and nourished us with the cup of salvation.

**People: Christ has brought us the gift of God's heavenly banquet.**

Leader: Christ's love has brought us the gift of God's kingdom.

**People: Christ has sealed us in his love.**

### **\*CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION #300**

*(Verse 4)*

## **POSTLUDE**

**\*People stand as they are able.**

# **FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

*We strive to be a loving family of faith nurturing the spiritual growth of one another as we serve, worship, and reach out in celebration of Christ's Love.*

**(B) Maundy Thursday**

**March 28, 2024 - 7:00 p.m.**

**The Sacrament of Holy Communion**

*As the Prelude begins, please be seated and observe an attitude of reverence and quiet until the worship service begins.*

## **PRELUDE**

## **GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE**

## **WELCOME**

## **CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT HYMN #498**

*Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken (Verse 1)*

## **OPENING WORDS**

Leader: This is a day of remembrance for us.

**People: We lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.**

Leader: Throughout the generations, we have received and handed on to others what the Lord has given to us; water for washing; the towel of service;

**People: the bread of his body; the cup of the new covenant; proclaiming the Lord's death until he comes again.**

### **\*HYMN #498**

*Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken (Verses 2 & 3)*

## **\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**\*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

Leader: In gratitude for the grace given to us,  
and as a witness to our faith in Christ,

**People: we will love one another.**

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

**People: In the grace and love of God, we are forgiven.**

**Thanks be to God!**

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

**PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD**

**THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**Eternal God, by your Word and Spirit,  
you have given us a new commandment:**

**to love and serve one another in Jesus’ name.**

**Let the good news of your liberating love be sealed in our hearts  
and shown in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**GOSPEL READING**

*John 13: 1-17, 31b-35*

**TABLE MEDITATION**

**HYMN #203**

“Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love”

(Verse 2)

**RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD**

**INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE**

**READING:**

*Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14*

*The First Passover*

**READING:**

*1 Corinthians 11:23-26 The Lord’s Supper-Paul’s Story*

Leader: The Lord said to Moses: This shall be a day of remembrance  
for you, you shall celebrate it as a festival of the Lord.  
Paul says to the Church:

As often as you eat this bread and drink this cup,  
you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes

*Holy Communion will be shared by passing trays which have been  
placed on your tables. A gluten-free alternative to bread is available  
on each bread tray.*

**GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them up to the Lord.**

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

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

Leader: Blessed are you, O Lord our God: . . .

Therefore, we praise you, joining the song  
of the universal church and the heavenly choir:

**People: 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.**

Leader: Blessed is Jesus Christ, our Savior:

Remembering your goodness and grace,  
we offer ourselves to you with gratitude as we share this joyful  
feast. Great is the mystery of faith:

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

Leader: Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this bread and cup;  
make us one in the body and blood of Jesus Christ our Lord....  
Through Christ, all glory and honor are yours, almighty Father,  
with the Holy Spirit in the holy church, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

**\* THE LORD'S PRAYER (using debts/debtors)**