

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**Maundy Thursday
April 17, 2025**

OPENING HYMN #202

An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare

TABLE FELLOWSHIP AND SHARING A MEAL

OPENING PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

Eternal God, who is always faithful to us: We confess we have not always been faithful to you. Although you have bound yourself to us in love, we do not keep ourselves bound to you in obedience.

In Jesus Christ, you serve us freely, but too often we ignore your love and hold ourselves back from others in need.

**We do not love you with our whole hearts, nor do we love one another as you commanded.
Gracious God: forgive and restore us.**

Lead us again to your table and unite us to Christ, who is the bread of life and the vine in whom we grow in grace. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SCRIPTURE

"A New Command"

John 13:1-17, 31-35

THE LAST SUPPER

Hand Washing and Table Communion

CLOSING HYMN #215

What Wondrous Love Is This

An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare (Hymn #202)

1 An upper room did our Lord prepare
for those he loved until the end:
and his disciples still gather there
to celebrate their risen friend.

2 A lasting gift Jesus gave his own:
to share his bread, his loving cup.
Whatever burdens may bow us down,
he by his cross shall lift us up.

3 And after supper he washed their feet,
for service, too, is sacrament.
In Christ our joy shall be made complete:
sent out to serve, as he was sent.

4 No end there is! We depart in peace.
He loves beyond our uttermost:
in every room in our Father's house
Christ will be there, as Lord and Host.

What Wondrous Love Is This (Hymn #215)

1 What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,
what wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul!

2 When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,
when I was sinking down, sinking down,
when I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown,
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul, for my soul,
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul!

3 To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing,
to God and to the Lamb, I will sing;
to God and to the Lamb who is the great I AM,
while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing;
while millions join the theme, I will sing!

4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on;
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on;
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be,
and through eternity, I'll sing on, I'll sing on;
and through eternity I'll sing on.