



Central Presbyterian Church

Pine Bluff, Arkansas
Thursday, April 17, 2014

MAUNDY THURSDAY

6:00 P.M.



GREETING THE PEOPLE OF GOD

Rev. David Reed

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We come in need of healing.

All: Jesus said, "Take up your mat and walk."

One: We come with hearts full of anxiety.

All: Jesus said, "Go in peace."

One: We come with idle hands and restless souls.

All: Jesus said, "Follow Me and I will make you fish for people."

One: We come in search of direction.

All: Jesus said, "I am The Way..." Let us worship God.

***HYMN #92**

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

CALL TO CONFESSION

From Psalm 70:1, 4-5

Jesus said, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with Me." In confidence of God's grace and mercy through Christ, let us confess our sins that we may be made clean. Let us pray, first together and then silently.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

We come in need of healing, Lord, for our lives are ripped apart by sin and our relationships suffer from neglect and abuse. We are led in many directions by our culture and the world distracts us with easy answers to difficult questions. Left alone, we would wander from Your way and become lost in a wilderness of isolation. Forgive us, O God, and show us the direction in which we are to go, that our steps may be sure, and our journey may lead to life in You. (Silent Prayer) Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Hear the good news. Jesus showed love and compassion when
He said, “I am The Way...,” Believe the good news.

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 22

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

HOMILY *The Blame Game* Rev. David Reed

HYMN #527 *Near to the Heart of God*

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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

... and so we join our voices with the multitude of the ages,
singing joyfully of your wondrous love:

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 heavy cross for my soul, for my soul,

to bear the heavy cross for my soul.

... and so we sing our praise to you for the wonder of this gift:

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!

... and we are free to sing with all creation forever and ever:

***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.***

THE LORD’S PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION 1 Corinthians 11:23; Luke 22:19-20

BREAKING THE BREAD 1 Corinthians 10:16-17

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

***HYMN #102** *Were You There?*

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded* Bach

*** Those who are able, please stand.**

Organist/Choirmaster: Marty Shell

Communion Stewards: Lawrence Fikes, Jemmie Moseley, Zac Cosner