



Central Presbyterian Church

Pine Bluff, Arkansas
Thursday, March 24, 2016

MAUNDY THURSDAY

5:30 P.M.



CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. King

Dave: "What shall we offer for all God's goodness to us?"

All: "Let us lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord."

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Rev. Wiggins

"Holy God, source and sovereign, you put all power and authority into the hands of Christ, who washes our feet in humble service. Teach us to love one another as Christ has loved us, so that everyone will know that we are his disciples; through Jesus Christ, our Teacher and Lord, we pray. Amen."

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. King

The Apostle Paul wrote to the church at Corinth:

"Examine yourselves, and only then eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For all who eat and drink without discerning the body, eat and drink judgment against themselves. If we judged ourselves, we would not be judged. But when we are judged by the Lord, we receive discipline so that we may not be condemned along with the world. Amen."

"With confidence in God's abundant mercy, let us examine ourselves and confess our sin."

CONFESSIOIN OF SIN

Rev. King

"Eternal God, whose covenant with us is never broken, we confess that we fail to fulfill your will. Though you have bound yourself to us, we will not bind ourselves to you. In Jesus Christ you serve us freely, but we refuse your love and withhold ourselves from others. We do not love you fully or love one another as you command. In your mercy, forgive and cleanse us. Lead us once again to your table and unite us to Christ, who is the bread of life and the vine from which we grow in grace."

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Rev. Wiggins

Leader: After Jesus had washed the disciples' feet, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? If I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you." Friends, hear and believe the good news of the gospel:

All: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. "Thanks be to God!"

Share of signs of peace and reconciliation in Christ with each other.

--- THE WORD ---

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rev. Wiggins

FIRST READING

Exodus 12:1-4 (5-10) 11-14

Rev. Wiggins

GOSPEL READING

John 13:1-17, 31b-35

Rev. King

RESPONSE

Rev. King

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. King

"Loving, listening God, ever-attentive to the voices of those in need, we call on your name so that we might live. Now hear our prayer:

- "For the church that bears Christ's name, that the world may know we are his disciples by the love that we have for one another.
- "For leaders of nations and all persons in positions of authority, that their lives may be marked by Christ-like service and love.
- "For all who are oppressed and living in captivity, that they may escape from evil and death to find the land of freedom you have promised.
- "For those who are hungry and thirsty this day and for those who have too much, that we may learn to share your generous gifts, O God.
- "For those who are dealing with loss or facing death, that the presence of Christ may bless and keep them.

Other petitions may be included, or worshipers may be invited to offer their own prayers, silently or aloud.

"Answer us in the day of trouble, O God, so that we may lift up the cup of salvation in the presence of your people, giving thanks for all your goodness to us; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen."

--- THE EUCHARIST ---

HYMN #216

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

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INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

Rev. King

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD'S PRAYER Rev. King

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.

Holy God, Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, with joy we praise you and give thanks to your name...

...Therefore we lift our hearts in joyful praise, joining our voices with choirs of angels, and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

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.

We praise you, most holy God...

...Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us

and upon these your gifts of bread and cup...

...Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, forever and ever.

Amen.

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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Rev. Wiggins

SHARING OF THE CUP

Rev. King

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

When you approach the table, take a piece of bread from the loaf, then dip it into the chalice and eat. As you receive these gifts of grace and signs of love, appropriate words of response are "Thanks be to God" and "Amen." Then return to your seat.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Rev. King

CHARGE

Rev. King

Let all depart in silence.

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

Organist/Choirmaster: Marty Shell

Announcements

Welcome to Our Friends from First Presbyterian who have joined us this evening. We are so pleased to have you with us tonight.

We Have Been Invited to Join Our Friends at First tomorrow, Good Friday, at 5:30 p.m. for their worship service in their Chapel. All are welcome and are encouraged to attend. The Chapel is located to the right of the main entrance of the Sanctuary at First.