

Fox Chapel Presbyterian Church

Maundy Thursday



Thursday, March 28, 2024

7:00 PM

Atrium

Prelude

The Lone, Wild Bird

Charles Callahan

Welcome and Invitations

Rev. Rebecca DePoe

***Call to Worship and Opening Prayer**

Ada Mol

In worship on this night, we testify to God's love shown perfectly in Christ.

And we recommit ourselves to love one another as a community of faith.

Let us pray:

God of love, as we prepare to remember the events of this poignant night, open our eyes to see the beauty of Jesus' self-giving love, and by your Spirit work in our community a desire and commitment to serve each other and our hurting world. In Jesus' name, amen.

***Hymn 202**

An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare

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Call to Confession and Silent Prayer

Bryan Bass-Riley

Prayer of Confession

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. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

May the God of mercy, who forgives you all your sins, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

Thanks be to God!

***Passing of the Peace**

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Hymn 203

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

Chereponi

Scripture Reading

John 13:1-17, 31b-35 (NT, pg. 107)

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Meditation

Serve One Another

Rev. Rebecca DePoe

Offering our Gifts

Offertory Anthem

Wondrous Love

Southern Folk Hymn, arr. Christiansen

Invitation to the Table

Tonight at these tables we celebrate communion. We believe that all who seek to follow Christ, from the youngest child to the oldest adult are welcome to participate in this sacrament, regardless of understanding or maturity because truly, God's grace is a mystery. The opportunity to eat and drink with Christ is not a right bestowed upon the worthy but a privilege given to the undeserving who come in faith, repentance, and love. Come! Join us! You are all welcome to the feast!

Great Thanksgiving

Rev. Lori Bass-Riley

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 for us to give thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, God Almighty, creator of heaven and earth...

...And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

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!

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus the Christ. Through him, you showed us a new way...
...we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and cup...
...all honor and glory is yours, almighty Creator, now and forever.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Sharing the Bread and Cup at our Tables

Tonight we will share communion at our tables and serve one another. Each long table has two sets of communion elements. The person at each end of the table with a heart in front of them will retrieve the elements for their side of the table and return to their seats. They will then hold the cup and the bread for the person on their left and say, "Christ's gifts for you." The person on their left will tear off a piece of bread and dip it in the cup, then eat. The cup and bread then will be passed to the next person. This will continue until everyone on one side of the table is served. The last person in line should then serve the person across from them who has not been served yet. Then, the elements can be returned to the middle of the table. Gluten free options are available on your table.

Communion Hymn 525

Let Us Break Bread Together

Afro-American Spiritual

Prayer After Communion

God of all people, of all times, and of all places, we praise you! We celebrate you! You have given us the greatest gift, your precious son. We remember the disciples at the table with Jesus so long ago with their questions and worries. Jesus told them that he would be leaving them but also promised them he would return. As we enter into the dark times of these days, we can be assured, for you, Jesus, have nourished us through your holy presence in this act of communion. We will see you again. Praise be to God. Amen.

*Hymn 227

Jesus, Remember Me

Jacques Berthier

*Benediction

*Postlude

Lord, Thou Hast Searched Me

Charles Callahan

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Maundy Thursday

Maundy Thursday is also known as "Holy Thursday" and is the Thursday of Holy Week, one day before Good Friday (the Thursday before Easter). Maundy Thursday is the name given to the day on which Jesus celebrated the Passover with his disciples, known as the Last Supper. Two important events are the focus of Maundy Thursday:

First, Jesus celebrated the Last Supper with his disciples and thereby instituted the Lord's Supper, also called Communion (Luke 22:19-20). Second, Jesus washed the disciples' feet as an act of humility and service, thereby setting an example that we should love and serve one another in humility (John 13:3-17).

The "Maundy" in Maundy Thursday finds its root in the Latin word 'mandatum,' meaning "command" and refers to the command Jesus gave to the disciples at the Last Supper, that they should love and serve one another.

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Holy Week Worship

Good Friday Service of Tenebrae — March 29, 7:00 PM

Easter Worship Services — March 31:

Traditional Service — 8:15 AM in the Sanctuary

Contemporary Service — 9:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall

Traditional Service — 11:00 AM in the Sanctuary

Participants Today

Rev. Rebecca DePoe, Associate Pastor (rebecca@fcpc.us)

Rev. Lori Bass-Riley, Director of Children and Family Ministries (lori@fcpc.us)

Bryan Bass-Riley, liturgist

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Kelly Lynch, soprano

Louise van Mook, mezzo-soprano

Andrew Boag, tenor

Logan Newman, bass

Chancel Choir

Andrew Boag, Don Boyd, Nick Graef, Margaret Groninger, David Houggy, Helen Houggy, Dee Hoyt, June Hurh, Zelene Hutchison, Fran Jetcyk, Beth Lockwood, Kelly Lynch, Brian Miller, Gwen Minshall, Jerry Minshall, Logan Newman, Barbara O'Connell, Jack Oehrle, Ray Overmyer, Takako Petek, Wilberta Pickett, Audrey Russo, Polly Swanson, Terry Thompson, Louise van Mook, Tommy Walters, Joanne Welsh

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