



A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another:
just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another.

John 13:31

March 24, 2016 + Holy Thursday

Know + Be Known + Make Known

Order of Worship

Liturgist is Rev. Dr. Mike Farley, Pastor of Spiritual Formation
Organists and pianists are Matt Mazzoni and Nancy Mayo
Chancel Choir director is Matt Mazzoni
Chancel Ringers director is Daniel Boeddeker

Prelude

"Pie Jesu" from *Requiem*
Chancel Ringers

Music: Gabriel Fauré
arr. David L. Sanders
Flute: Jennifer Mazzoni

STANDING (IF ABLE)

God calls us to worship

from Psalm 106:1; 116:13; 34:10

Liturgist: Our help is in the name of the Lord, the Suffering Servant,

All: *the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.*

Liturgist: Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,

All: *for his steadfast love endures forever!*

Liturgist: Taste and see that the LORD is good.

All: *I will lift up the cup of salvation
and call on the name of the LORD,
for those who seek the LORD lack no good thing.*

We praise God

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross
Hymnal #185

Text: Isaac Watts 1702
Tune: arr. Lowell Mason 1824

We pray for God to help us worship

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We prepare to confess our sin

from Psalm 139:23-24

Liturgist: Almighty God,
to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden:
Search us and know our hearts! Try us and know our thoughts!
See if there be any grievous way in us, and lead us in the way everlasting,
that we may perfectly love you and one another and honor your great name.

We confess our sin

All (sing): stanzas 1-2 of "Psalm 32" (below)

All: *Loving Lord,
we confess that we do not love as you have loved us.
You freely gave your life for us.
But we fearfully cling to our life
and hoard your gifts for our own use alone.
Your love is humble and generous,
but we are consumed by pride and envy.
Your love makes friends of your enemies,
but we have made enemies of those you call us to love.
Lord, have mercy on us.*

(silent prayers of confession)

Liturgist: Lord of love, we lament our refusal to love and the damage and pain that our lack of love causes to others, to ourselves, and to the honor and glory of your name. In your gracious love, please forgive us all of our sins, and pour your love into our hearts by your Holy Spirit so that the love of Christ will fill and guide us now and forevermore.

All (sing): stanza 3 of "Psalm 32" (below)

Psalm 32

Text: The Psalter 1912, alt.
Tune: Hans Leo Hassler 1601



1. How blest are they whose tres - pass has free - ly been for - giv'n, whose sins are whol - ly
2. While I kept guil - ty sil - ence, my strength was spent with grief: your hand was heav - y
3. The sor - rows of the wick - ed in - crease from year to year, but those who trust the



cov - er'd be - fore the sight of heav'n. Blest they to whom the LORD God does
on me; my soul found no re - lief. But when I owned my tres - pass and
LORD God know love in - stead of fear. Then in the LORD be joy - ful, in



not im - pute their sin, who have a guile - less spir - it, whose heart is true with - in.
did not hide my sin, then you for - gave my guilt, LORD, re - stored my life with - in.
song lift up your voice; be glad in God, you right - eous: re - joice, O saints, re - joice!

God declares our forgiveness

from 1 John 4:9

Liturgist: In this the love of God was made manifest among us,
that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him.

For all who have turned from sin in sorrow and look to God for mercy, this is God's gift.
In Jesus Christ, God loves you, God forgives you, God accepts you,
and God rejoices over you as beloved daughters and sons.

All: *Hallelujah! Amen!*

We praise God

Rock of Ages

Text: Augustus M. Toplady 1776

Tune: James Ward 1984; © 1985, Music Anno Domini



1. Rock of ag - es, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee; let the wa - ter
2. Not the la - bors of my hands can ful - fill thy laws de - mands; could my zeal no
3. Noth - ing in my hand I bring, sim - ply to thy cross I cling; na - ked, come to
4. While I draw this fleet - ing breath, when my eye lids close in death, when I soar to



and the blood, from thy wound - ed side which flowed, be of sin the
res - pite know, could my tears for - ev - er flow, all for sin could
thee for dress, help - less, look to thee for grace; foul, I to the
worlds un - known, see thee on thy judg - ment throne, Rock of ag - es,



dou - ble cure, cleanse me from its guilt and power.
not a - tone; thou must save and thou a - lone.
Foun - tain fly; wash me, Sav - ior, or I die.
cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee.

We prepare for the ministry of God's word

Ubi Caritas

Chancel Choir

Music: Maurice Duruflé

Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.
Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor.
Exsulemus, et in ipso jucundemur.
Timeamus, et amemus Deum vivum.
Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero.
Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.
Amen.

Where charity and love are, God is there.
The love of Christ has gathered us into one.
Let us rejoice and be glad in him.
Let us revere, and let us love the living God.
And let us love one another from a sincere heart.
Where charity and love are, God is there.
Amen.

God instructs us in scripture reading

John 13:31-35
(pew Bible p. 900)

God instructs us in preaching

"Jesus Is Loving"
Rev. Bob Hopper

We offer ourselves in gifts and song

Prior to singing, we will take a moment of silence to reflect and pray.

How Deep the Father's Love for Us

Text and tune: Stuart Townend 1995

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1. How deep the Fa - ther's love for us, how vast be - yond all meas - ure
2. Be - hold the Man up - on the cross, my sin up - on His shoul - ders.
3. I will not boast in an - y - thing: no gifts, no pow'r, no wis - dom.



that He should give His on - ly Son to make a wretch his treas - ure.
A - shamed I hear my mock - ing voice call out a - mong the scof - fers.
But I will boast in Je - sus Christ: His death and res - ur - rec - tion.



How great the pain of sear - ing loss. The Fa - ther turns his face a - way
It was my sin that held Him there un - til it was ac - com - plished;
Why should I gain from His re - ward? I can - not give an an - swer.



as wounds which mar the Chos - en One bring man - y sons to glo - ry.
His dy - ing breath has brought me life. I know that it is fin - ished.
But this I know with all my heart: His wounds have paid my ran - som.

STANDING (IF ABLE)

We pray for the church and the world

Liturgist: (prayers for the church and the world)

All: *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.*

God feeds us at his table

Central Presbyterian welcomes all Christians who actively trust in Jesus Christ for salvation, who are willing to forsake their sin, and who are members of congregations that proclaim the gospel to receive Holy Communion with us. If you are not ready to receive communion, you may simply pass the elements by. We also urge you to meditate on one of the prayers below.

Bread

The communion bread is gluten-free.

Eating and drinking: Please eat and drink as you receive the bread and the cup when you are ready. We will not hold the elements and wait to eat until all have been served.

Prayer for Those Searching

Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. Help me to be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open me to the reality of who you are. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent and convincing and that leads to the life you promise. Amen.

Prayer of New Belief

Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever dared believe, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt on the cross, taking what I deserved in order to offer me complete forgiveness. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior and Lord. Amen.

Agnus Dei
Chancel Choir

Music: Thomas Morley 1597

Agnus Dei,
qui tollis peccata mundi
miserere nostri.

Lamb of God,
who takes away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.

God blesses us and sends us out

Postlude

Were You There?

Chancel Ringers

American folk tune
arr. Cynthia Dobrinski

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

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