

NATRONA HEIGHTS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

An Evangelical Presbyterian Church

Order of Worship, Thursday, March 28, 2024, 7 PM

The Rev. Richard Harbaugh

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“The Last Supper is meant to picture not only the fulfillment of past promises of God and the present impending death of Jesus, but just as much the assured future of an even greater meal in the coming kingdom of God.” –Thomas R. Schreiner

GATHERING TO WORSHIP THE RISEN CHRIST

THE PREPARATION OF HEARTS

THE PRELUDE – red hymnal #177

“What Wondrous Love Is This”

THE WELCOME

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsively)

LEADER: Christ’s love is poured out for us like water poured into a basin.

PEOPLE: **CHRIST’S LOVE WASHES US CLEAN.**

LEADER: Christ’s love shows us who we are to be, and what we are to do.

PEOPLE: **HOW BLESSED WE ARE TO KNOW SUCH LOVE!**

*THE HYMN

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

No. 185

THE ACTS OF CONFESSION (In Unison)

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. And hear us now, as we bring to you our private and personal confessions on this Maundy Thursday evening.

THE SILENT CONFESSION

THE DECLARATION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

THE LORD’S PRAYER

THE PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

THE OFFERTORY – NHPC Chorale (red hymnal #181)

“Were You There?”

*THE DOXOLOGY– red hymnal #625

*THE OFFERING PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE WORD

THE SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 26:17-30

THE MEDITATION

“The Lord’s Supper”

–The Rev. Richard Harbaugh

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

THE GRACIOUS INVITATION

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE ELEMENTS

THE PRAYER OF APPRECIATION

*THE HYMN

“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”

No. 178

THE TENEBRAE

THE 34 BELLS

THE DEPARTURE IN SILENCE

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*Please stand if you are able

“It is a beautiful trait in the character of the disciples that they did not suspect one another, but every one of them inquired, almost incredulously, as the form of the question implies, ‘Lord, is it I?’ No one said, ‘Lord is it Judas?’” –Spurgeon

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME TO OUR MAUNDY THURSDAY TENEBRAE COMMUNION SERVICE this evening. This service is held to commemorate the foot washing and the Last Supper of the disciples with Jesus. We thank you for coming and joining us to remember these important events in our history.

THANK YOU to everyone who helped to make this service possible for our congregation.

THANK YOU to our liturgists, Deb Lehew and Jack Miller.

PLEASE NOTE the nursery is closed this evening for this special service.

COMMUNITY GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE: Join the community for this annual service held from noon to 3 PM on Friday, March 29th at Trinity United Methodist Church on Freeport Road in Brackenridge. The service features the seven last words of Jesus. Seven area pastors each preach on one word. Each brings a lay reader for the scripture and there is special live music. Everyone is welcome to attend and you can stay for a short period or for the entire service!

EASTER service will be held on Sunday, March 31st at 10 AM. The message title for worship is "He Is Risen!" and comes from Matthew 28:1-14. Join us on Sunday morning to worship our Lord and Savior.



MAUNDY *Thursday*