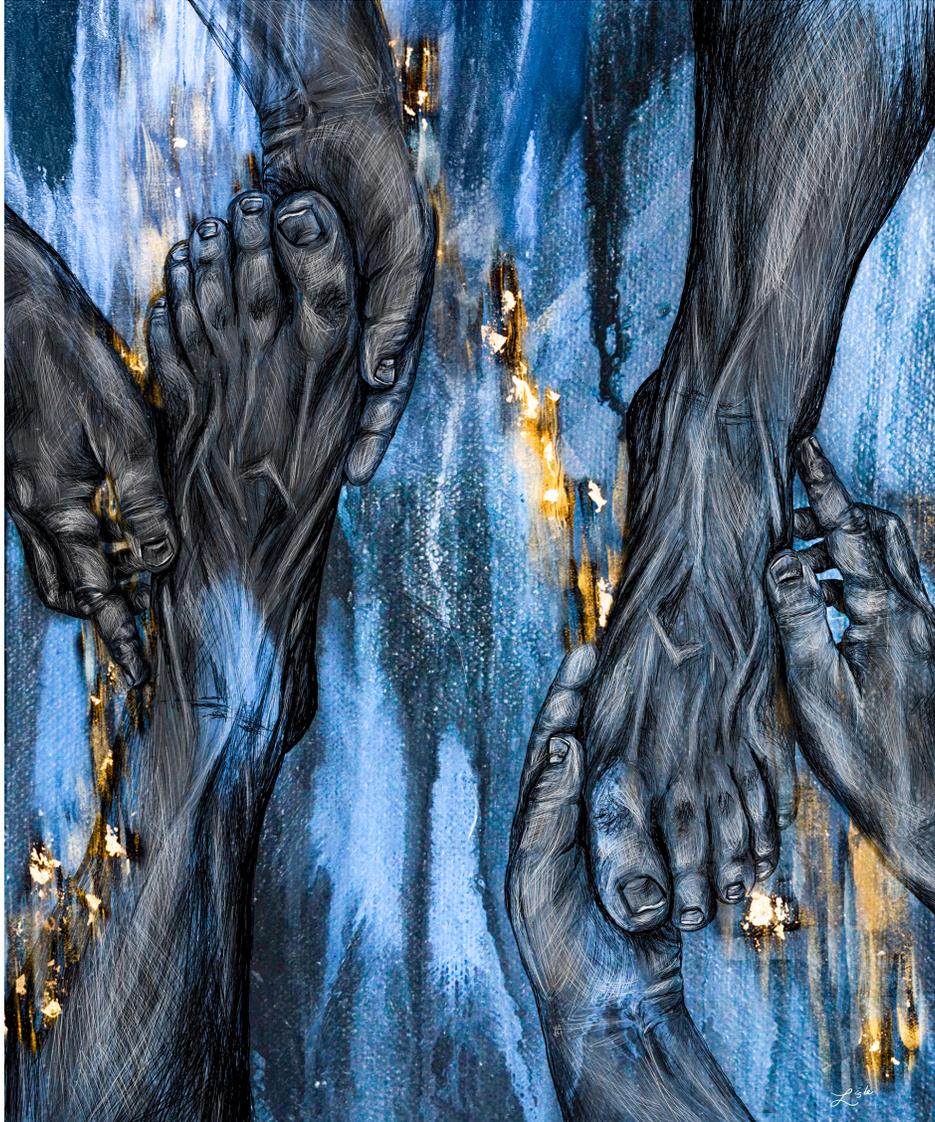


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# Trinity Presbyterian Church

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## Welcome and Announcements

### Passing the Peace of Christ

*Greet one another with the Peace of Christ*

“The Peace of Christ be with you.”

“**And also with you.**”

### Prelude

*Ave Verum Corpus*

W. A. Mozart

### Call to Worship

One: Do you remember your last supper before the pandemic? The last meal you had out at a restaurant with friends? The last meal before fear and anxiety ran the conversation? If you had known it was your last, would you have lingered? Would you have ordered dessert? Would you have held your friends' hands and told them how much you loved them? If you had known, would you have washed their feet? Tonight we gather together, because this night was the beginning of the end. This night was Jesus' last supper with his disciples. Take a moment to imagine how Jesus must have felt.

Friends, with all of this in mind, I invite you to join me in our opening words:

**All: Tonight we will hear, again and again, of a love that knows no bounds. May we be fully present here. May we worship holy God.**

### Hymn of Praise

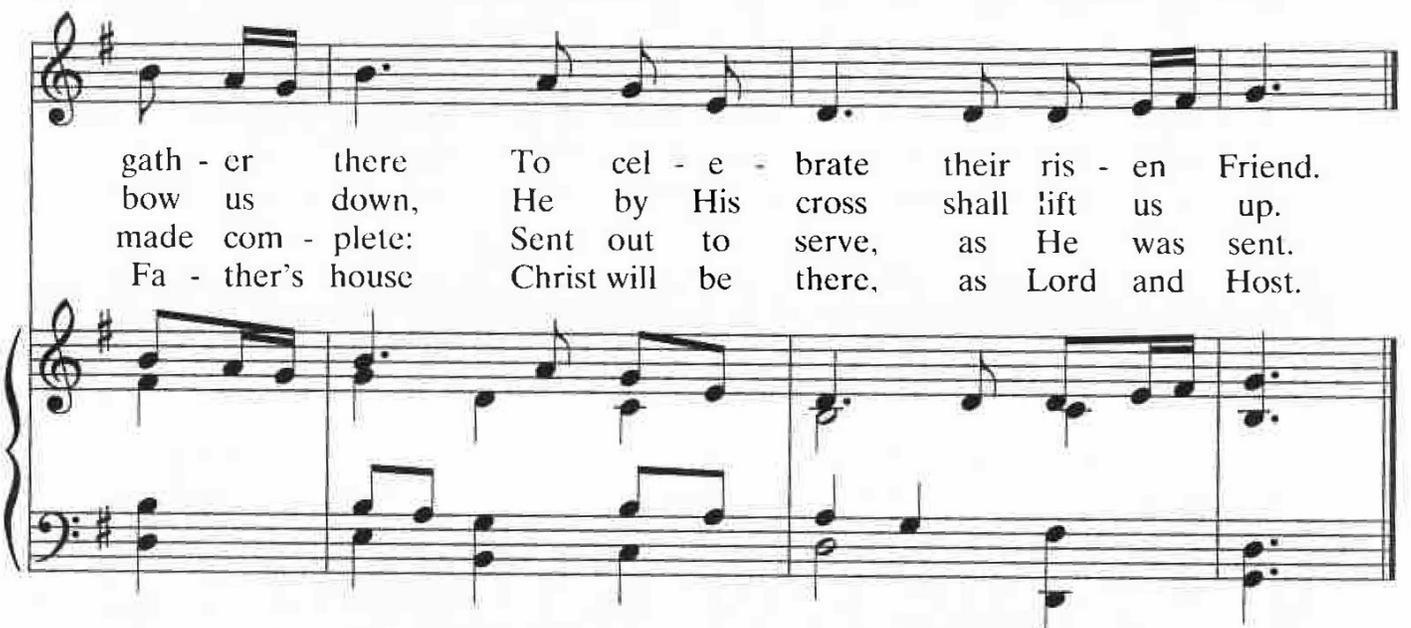
**An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare**



1. An up - per room did our Lord pre - pare For those He  
 2. A last - ing gift Je - sus gave His own: To share His  
 3. And af - ter sup - per He washed their feet, For ser - vice,  
 4. No end there is! We de - part in peace, He loves be -



loved un - til the end: And His dis - ci - ples still  
 bread, His lov - ing cup. What - ev - er bur - dens may  
 too, is sac - ra - ment. In Christ our joy shall be  
 yond the ut - ter - most: In ev - ery room in our



gath - er there To cel - e - brate their ris - en Friend.  
 bow us down, He by His cross shall lift us up.  
 made com - plete: Sent out to serve, as He was sent.  
 Fa - ther's house Christ will be there, as Lord and Host.

## **Call to Confession**

The closer and closer we get to the crucifixion, the more earnest our prayers of confession feel. For we know that what was done to Jesus — betrayal, humiliation, violence, and death — are things we do to each other all the time. So with all earnestness, a sense of urgency, and a deep hope for transformation, we return to this prayer once again, trusting that the God who holds the stars in the sky is holding us tonight. Let us confess together. . .

## **Prayer of Confession**

**Holy God who holds us together, if I were to place myself at your table, I would probably be Peter — misunderstanding your radical hospitality, sticking to the rules, arguing what I do and don't deserve. Then again, it's possible that I'd be Judas — the one who betrayed you, the one who failed to see the good right in front of him, the one who might have thought he wasn't worthy of your love. If I were to place myself at your table, it's possible I would be one of the unnamed disciples — watching, but not speaking, silently missing the opportunity to tell you what I believe and how much I love you. If I were to place myself at your table, I am confident that I would have made the same mistakes your well-intentioned disciples made. There is no surprise there. What is surprising is that I know you would have washed my feet nonetheless. So forgive me, God. Wash not just my feet, but my hands and my head also. Amen.**

*Take time to offer silent prayers of confession.*

## **Assurance of Forgiveness**

Leader: Family of faith, Jesus knew that Peter would deny. He knew that Judas would betray, and he knew the disciples would hide in fear. And still — *and still* — he invited them in. He washed their feet, and he fed them. Friends, we worship the living Christ whose love shocks, surprises, and far exceeds our understanding of love. So may this story tonight remind us:

**People: No matter who we are, no matter where we go, no matter how great our mistakes or regrets are in life, we will always be invited in and held together by the Living God. Again and again and again, we are forgiven. Again and again and again, we are held. Amen.**

**Anthem**                      *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*                      Faye López

**Scripture Readings**      John 13:1-17, 31-35

Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. <sup>2</sup> The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper <sup>3</sup> Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, <sup>4</sup> got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. <sup>5</sup> Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. <sup>6</sup> He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" <sup>7</sup> Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." <sup>8</sup> Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." <sup>9</sup> Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" <sup>10</sup> Jesus said to him, "One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you." <sup>11</sup> For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean." <sup>12</sup> After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? <sup>13</sup> You call me Teacher and Lord — and you are right, for that is what I am. <sup>14</sup> So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. <sup>15</sup> For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. <sup>16</sup> Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one

who sent them. <sup>17</sup> If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them. <sup>31</sup> When he had gone out, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. <sup>32</sup> If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. <sup>33</sup> Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come.’ <sup>34</sup> I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. <sup>35</sup> By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Meditation**

Rev. Katheryn McGinnis

**Call to Prayer**

**Invitation to the Table**

Hear the words of the institution of the Holy Supper of our Lord Jesus Christ: The Lord Jesus, on the night of his arrest, took bread, and after giving thanks to God, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat. This is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me. In the same way he took the cup, saying: This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me. Every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the saving death of the risen Lord, until he comes. With thanksgiving, let us offer God our grateful praise.

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

## **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, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

## **Words of Institution**

### **Sharing the Bread**

### **Sharing the Cup**

### **Response of Thanksgiving**

God of grace, your Son Jesus Christ left us this holy meal of bread and wine in which we share his body and blood. May we who have celebrated this sign of his great love show in our lives the fruits of his redemption; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

### **Closing Hymn**

*(music on next page)*

*What Wondrous Love is This?*

### **Stripping of the Sanctuary**

## **THANK YOU**

Lector: Ellen Bauerle

Music Director: Nicki Kerns

Pastor: Rev. Katheryn McGinnis

## What Wondrous Love Is This

WONDRIOUS LOVE 12.9.12.12.9

Walker's *Southern Harmony*, 1835  
Harm. *Cantate Domino*, 1980

American folk hymn, c. 1811

1. What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,  
2. To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing,  
3. And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on,

What won - drous love is this, O my soul!  
To God and to the Lamb, I will sing;  
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on;

What won-drous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss  
To God and to the Lamb who is the great I Am,  
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joy - ful be,

To bear the \*heav - y cross for my soul, for my soul,  
While mil - lions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing;  
And through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on, I'll sing on,

To bear the \*heav - y cross for my soul!  
While mil - lions join the theme, I will sing!  
And through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on!