

First Presbyterian Church Hackettstown, NJ



Maundy Thursday March 28, 2024

Vision Statement of First Presbyterian Church

Strengthening families;
Sowing friendships;
Serving community;
In the name of Jesus Christ

PRELUDE

Thy Will Be Done

RINGING OF THE BELL

GATHERING AND INVOCATION

HYMN

Go to Dark Gethsemane vs 1-3

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Go to dark Gethsemane, all who feel the
tempter's power; your Redeemer's conflict see;
watch with him one bitter hour; turn not from his
griefs away; learn from Jesus Christ to pray.

Follow to the judgment hall; view the Lord of
life arraigned; O the wormwood and the gall!
O the pangs his soul sustained! Shun not suffering,
shame, or loss; learn from him to bear the cross.

Calvary's mountain climb; there, adoring
at his feet, mark that miracle of time,
God's own sacrifice complete; 'It is finished!'
hear him cry; learn from Jesus Christ to die.

STATION 1: *Peter resists then receives the foot washing*

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Naming who we are called to serve

STATION 2: *Jesus foretells Peter's denials*

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Naming those we love profoundly

STATION 3: *Peter draws his sword*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy One, we are convicted of our addiction to violence. We lament the proliferation and use of firearms. We bemoan the staggering statistics of intimate partner violence. Yet, we confess our own complicity in the pain of our neighbors. Whether we have picked up a gun, uttered harmful words about each other, or

simply refused to acknowledge another's pain, we have betrayed the peace you left with us. We have built war economies that make conflict profitable. We have created societies that justify the violence of food and housing insecurity, racism, discrimination, and marginalization. God of grace, have mercy upon us, and save us from weak resignation to these evils. Amen.

ANTHEM

King with a Crown of Thorns

Senior Choir

Son of God and son of man, King with a crown of thorns. Shepherd and leader, yet led forth as a lamb, King with a crown of thorns. O bone Jesu, miserere nobis. O blessed Jesus, have mercy on us.

Pure and guiltless, yet bearing all sin, King with a crown of thorns; ruler and sovereign, yet servant and friend, King with a crown of thorns.

O bone Jesu, miserere nobis, O blessed Jesus, have mercy on us O Lord.

Healer, Redeemer, yet wounded with stripes, King with a crown of thorns. Suffering and dying, yet bringing new life, King with a crown of thorns. O bone Jesu, miserere nobis. O blessed Jesus, have mercy on us.

SACRAMENT OF THE LAST SUPPER

As a sign of hospitality to everyone, all elements shared at the table are gluten free.

COMMUNION HYMN

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

775

I want Jesus to walk with me;
I want Jesus to walk with me;
all along my pilgrim journey,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

In my trials, Lord, walk with me;
in my trials, Lord, walk with me;
when my heart is almost breaking,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

When I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me;
When I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me;
When my head is bowed in sorrow,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

INVITATION

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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 to give our thanks and praise...(Pastor continues)

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. 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.

WORDS OF THE INSTITUTION

SHARING THE ELEMENTS

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

STATION 4: *Jesus is arrested and Peter denies Christ*

Merciful God, we confess that too often, we've been inactive bystanders in the face of someone else's victimization. Forgive us for choosing self-preservation over justice. Amen.

HYMN

Ah, Holy Jesus vs 1 & 2

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Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended,
that we to judge thee in hate pretended? By foes
derided, by thine own rejected, O most afflicted!

Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon thee?

Alas, my treason, Jesus, hath undone thee. "Twas I, Lord
Jesus, I it was denied thee; I crucified thee.

Station 5: *Peter denies Christ again and again*
Invitation to place slips of paper into basins of water

Station 6: *Jesus is crucified*

Anthem: *Were you there?*
FPCH Ringers Chime Choir

INVITATION TO THE CROSS

HYMN *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing vs. 3* **475**
O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.

TOLLING OF THE BELL

Depart in silence

Liturgy by T. Denise Anderson, A Sanctified Art, sanctifiedart.org

Serving Our Congregation Tonight

Preaching: Rev. Erin Hayes-Cook

Worship Leaders: Jen & Al Aquino

Music Director: Lorinda Ravo

Greeting: Jen & Al Aquino

Video: Pam Venturini

Join us for worship on Resurrection Sunday at 10 am!



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