



April 1, 2021
GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE
WELCOME

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: This is a day of remembrance for us.

People: We lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.

Leader: Throughout the generations, we have received and handed on to others what the Lord has given to us: water for washing; the towel of service;

People: the bread of his body; the cup of the new covenant; proclaiming the Lord's death until he comes again.

***PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

God of love, during Holy Week, we give you thanks for this night Jesus shared with his disciples. Between the public parade and the public charade is this intimate hour. Though even now we do not fully understand, we long to follow his example: to serve as he served, to love as he loved. Jesus promised that if we know these things and do them, we will be blessed. Help us, then, to know and to do all that Jesus taught. Though we betray and deny, we still come seeking a blessing, for this much we do know: we cannot live unless you bless us. **Amen.**

**RECEIVING FORGIVENESS FROM
GOD AND EACH OTHER**

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

The proof of God's amazing love is this: while we were sinners Christ died for us. Because we have faith in him, we dare to approach God with confidence. In faith and penitence let us confess our sin before God and one another.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION:** *Spoken and Silent (After the corporate Prayer of Confession, please take a few moments of silence to individually confess our sins to God.)*

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.

***DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

Leader: The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God! Amen.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOD COMES TO US THROUGH HIS WORD

SCRIPTURES	Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19	Pew Bible p.435
	Exodus 12:1-14	Pew Bible p.48
	1 Corinthians 11:23-26	Pew Bible p.812
	John 13:1-17, 31b-35	Pew Bible p.763

MESSAGE

New Commandment, New Covenant

Rev. Piper Cartland

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Liberating and redeeming God, we give thanks that you hear the cries of your people. Therefore, in our time of trial, we call upon your name, saying: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer. As you delivered our ancestors from slavery and led them to a land of promise and plenty, liberate all who are captive or oppressed and bring them to a place of abundant life. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer. As you saved your people from death on the night of the Passover, redeem us from sin and death through Jesus Christ the Lamb. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer. As Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord stooped down to wash his disciples' feet, teach us to love and serve our neighbors with Christlike compassion and humility. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer. As Christ the Lord has handed on to us a feast of grace in his body and blood, help us to share with all who hunger the gifts we have received from you. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer. God our liberator and redeemer, we give thanks that you have heard our cry. Continue to lead us from death to life eternal, and let our lives be a sign of your saving love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CELEBRATING THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (we say *sin*)

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

BREAKING THE BREAD AND POURING THE CUP
COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE
PRAYER

GOING INTO THE WORLD

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

**Those that are able may stand*

WELCOME! It is a joy to worship together in person. So that we may do so safely, here are the basic tenets for our COVID-19 Mitigation Plan: Wear your mask; maintain 6 ft physical distance between households; cleanse hands frequently; no singing is allowed, but congregants are encouraged to hum; place tithes/offerings in the offering plates at the back of the sanctuary. To keep us all safer, please remember not to gather in the Narthex after worship – continue your fellowship in the parking lot instead. Thank you!

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