



Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church

March 29, 2018
7:30p.m., Sanctuary
Maundy Thursday

PRELUDE

Variations on *Wondrous Love*

Samuel Barber

WELCOME

Agnes W. Norfleet

† **CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Jesus said: I give you a new commandment, that you love one another.
Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. On this day
Christ gave himself into the hands of those who would slay him.

All: Christ gathered with his disciples in the upper room.

One: Christ took a towel and washed the disciples' feet, giving us an example
that we should do to others as he has done to us.

**All: Christ our God gave us this holy feast, that we who eat this
bread and drink this cup may here proclaim his holy sacrifice
and be partakers of his resurrection.**

† **HYMN 202**

An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare

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CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*in unison*)

Loving and Eternal God,
We gather this evening hour,
As friends gathered with Jesus in an upper room long ago.
We come bearing the marks of a bitter and broken world.
We come from various places,
With dry and thirsty spirits.
In Jesus Christ you fill our hearts and quench our thirst,
But we are slow to share the feast with others.
By your mercy, forgive us and restore us.
Lead us once again to your table,
And unite us to the bread of life and cup of salvation.

A moment of silence for personal reflection and confession.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Jesus gave his life and died for us,

All: So that we may be forgiven,

One: And our sins be washed away.

All: Cleansed of our sin, let us serve one another. Amen.

FIRST LESSON Exodus 12:1-8, 12-14 (*page 58 in Bible*) Agnes W. Norfleet

ANTHEM From Life to Life Petr Eben
Bryn Mawr Chamber Singers

O wheat whose crushing was for bread, o bread whose breaking is for life, o life your seeming end is seed, a seed for wheat, or bread and life. O fruit whose crushing was for wine, o wine whose flowing is for blood, o blood, your pouring out is life, our life in you, o fruitful vine. O life whose crushing was for love, o love whose spending was to death, o death, your mourning is our joy, full joy and birth to lasting life.

SECOND LESSON 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 (*page 173 in Bible*) Franklyn C. Pottorff

MEDITATION *Of Thai Food and Jesus* Franklyn C. Pottorff

† **HYMN** 509 All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly HOLY MANNA

OFFERING Franklyn C. Pottorff

OFFERTORY ANTHEM Crux Fideles Jean-Jules Roger-Ducasse
Bryn Mawr Chamber Singers; Elizabeth Weigle, soprano

Faithful cross above all others, one and only noble tree. None in foliage, none in blossom, none in fruit Thy peer may be. Sweetest wood and sweetest iron, sweetest weight is hung on Thee. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER Agnes W. Norfleet

THE INVITATION

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*in unison*)

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

*As the bread and cup are distributed,
you may partake individually in personal prayer.
Gluten- and casein-free bread is available in the small container located on each plate.*

MUSIC AT COMMUNION

Agnus Dei

Charles Marie Widor

Bryn Mawr Chamber Singers

Lamb most holy, who suffered for our transgressions, grant to us forgiveness.
May Thy peace enfold us.

Taste and See

Pamela Decker

Bryn Mawr Chamber Singers

Taste and see that the Lord is good; Look upon him and be radiant. The angel of the Lord encompasses those who fear him. Taste and see that the Lord is good; Happy are they who trust in him!

POST COMMUNION PRAYER *(in unison)*

Franklyn C. Pottorff

Holy God, we have feasted in memory of the night Jesus was betrayed and in the confidence that we will feast again with him in glory. We give you thanks for the gift of this meal, shared among friends. We give you thanks for the gift of Jesus' life, his body broken for us. Give us grace to bear the fruit of your Vine that the world might have life in his name. Amen.

† **HYMN 215**

What Wondrous Love is This

WONDROUS LOVE

STRIPPING OF THE CHURCH

The stripping of the church is a practice that dates from the seventh century as a vivid and dramatic way of showing forth the desolation and abandonment of Jesus in Gethsemane.

The congregation is invited to leave in silence.

BULLETIN COVER

Last Supper 1973, by Sadao Watanabe

The embroidered cut-work communion cloth on the table was given in 1981 to the glory of God by Cdr. and Mrs. George C. McFarland.