

The congregation stands to sing

**Hymn 97, st.1,2,3**

Go to Dark Gethsemane

Redhead 76

The congregation sits.

## The Stripping of the Church

In keeping with the solemn events of Maundy Thursday night and Good Friday, the Church developed the custom of removing many of the appointments of worship from the chancel and nave of the church. This speaks to the solitude of Christ in his suffering on our behalf and leaves the church unadorned for the service on Good Friday.

Worshippers may meet Pastor Krech at the chancel steps to receive an item from the pulpit, table, or chancel. You will then carry the item from the sanctuary by way of the center aisle. Turn left at the hallway and go to the fellowship room on the right (Room 102 A), and place the item on one of the tables there. You may then return to the sanctuary for silent prayer or silently depart the church building.

Scheduled to serve:

**Ushers: Bob Harrold & Sandy Kehrli**

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Presbytery of the Mid-South, Synod of Living Waters.

# Grace Presbyterian Church

Worships God in Word and Sacrament at 7:30 p.m.

**March 29, 2018**

**Maundy Thursday**

## The Bell Calls Us to Worship

The congregation stands

**Silent Procession by choir and pastor**

**Scripture Sentences**

**Commemoration of Maundy Thursday**

**Hymn 100**

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Rockingham

**Opening Sentences**

**Pastor:** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**People:** **The Maker of heaven and earth.**

**Pastor:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** **And also with you.**

**Pastor:** Let us pray.

**Prayer for the Day** (spoken by the pastor; the congregation joining the **Amen**.)

Holy God, source of all love, on the night of his betrayal Jesus gave his disciples a new commandment, to love one another as he loved them. Write this commandment in our hearts and give us the will to serve others as he was servant of all, who gave his life and died for us, yet is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The congregation sits.

**Prayer of Confession**

Unison

**Eternal God, your 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, nor love one another as you command.**

**In your mercy, forgive and cleanse us.**

**Lead us once again to your table and unite us with Christ,**

**who is the bread of life and the vine from which we grow in grace ...**

## Silent Prayers of Confession

### Declaration of Pardon

**Pastor:** The peace of Christ be always with you.

**People:** **And also with you.**

**Passing of the Peace** (Worshippers greet one another with the peace of Christ.)

### Welcome and Announcements

#### Old Testament

Exodus 12:1-14

#### Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19

Unison

I love the Lord because he has heard my voice and my supplication.

Because God inclined his ear to me, I will call on him as long as I live.

What shall I return to the Lord for all his bounty to me?

I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.

I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people.

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his faithful ones.

O Lord, I am your servant; I am your servant, the child of your serving girl.

You have loosed my bonds.

I will offer to you a sacrifice of thanksgiving,  
and call on the name of the Lord.

I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people,

in the courts of the house of the Lord; in your midst, O Jerusalem.

**Praise the Lord!**

#### Epistle

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

#### Anthem

When Jesus Wept

William Billings, 1770

When Jesus wept, the falling tear in mercy flowed beyond all bound. When Jesus groaned, a trembling fear seized all the guilty world around. (—William Billings; arr. Philip Kern, 2002)

#### Gospel

John 13:1-35

#### Sermon

Bread of Bitterness

Mike Krech

“So when he had dipped the piece of bread, he gave it to Judas, son of Simon Iscariot. After he received the piece of bread, Satan entered into him.” John 13:26b-27

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#### Hymn 94

An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare

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#### Apostles' Creed

Unison; Hymnal, page 14, Traditional

The congregation sits.

## Prayers of the People – The Solemn Intercessions

### Anthem

You Are the Bread

Ruth Elaine Schram, 2007

We come to your table, to take of the bread and the wine. We come to Your table to know You, to share the divine, to hear once again of Your grace, of the Passover lamb, sacrifice and redemption, your merciful plan from before time began. Blessed art Thou, O Lord our God, King of the Universe, who bringest forth bread from the earth. You are the Bread of Life; take and eat, never hunger again. Blessed art Thou, O Lord our God, King of the Universe, Creator of the fruit of the vine. You are the wine, the blood that is shed. You are the bread.

### Invitation to the Table

#### Words of Institution

#### Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

**The Lord's Prayer** (debts/debtors) Unison; Hymnal, page 16, Traditional

Elders serve worshippers at their places in the congregation.

You may eat the bread and drink from the cup when you are spiritually prepared.

#### Prayer of Thanksgiving after Communion

Unison

God of grace, your Son Jesus Christ left us this holy meal of bread and the cup,  
in which we share his body and blood.

May we who have celebrated this sign of his great love

show forth in our lives the fruits of his redemption. Amen.

### Anthem

How Deep the Father's Love For Us

Stewart Townsend, 1995

How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure, that He should give His only Son to make a wretch his treasure. How great the pain of searing loss, the Father turns His face away, as wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory. Behold the Man upon a cross, my sin upon His shoulders; ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers. It was my sin that held Him there until it was accomplished; His dying breath has brought me life. I know that it is finished I will not boast in anything, no gifts, no pow'r, no wisdom. But I will boast in Jesus Christ, His death and resurrection. Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer, but this I know with all my heart. His wounds have paid by ransom. (arr. Benjamin Harlan)

### The Solemn Reproaches of the Cross

In this historic prayer of the church, the leader speaks as the voice of God, the Creator and Giver of Life and Shepherd of Israel, and as the voice of the Lord Jesus Christ from the cross.

Each portion of the prayer ends with the exchange:

**Pastor:** ... you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

**Unison:** Holy God,

Holy and mighty,

Holy, immortal One,

Have mercy upon us.