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MARCH 28TH, 2024  
MAUNDY THURSDAY

# Welcome to Wallingford Presbyterian Church

Members and friends gather here each Sunday morning (and lots of times during the week!) to celebrate and serve. We rejoice that you are here, and hope that you'll feel right at home.

 **Please take a moment to silence your cell phone.** 

-  Face Masks are optional for all activities and are available upon request.
-  Friendship Pew Pads can be found at the end of each pew.
-  Please fill them out and pass along to your neighbors.
-  Visitors are encouraged to reach out about activities they may be interested in.
-  WPC Directory Our church uses the online directory feature of Planning Center. Find it online or on the Church Center app. Contact the church office with questions.
-  WPC Happenings Stay informed! Physical copies available out in the Narthex.
-  Visual Worship Schedules are available upon request.
-  If You Need a Little Help Hearing, portable listening devices are available.
-  An All Gender, ADA Restroom is located in the Narthex.
-  An Infant Changing Station and Quiet Room for parents is located in the Narthex.
-  Activity Packets are available for children to use during worship.
-  Fidget Toys for children (and adults) are available at the Narthex entrance.
-  Gluten Free Cookies are labeled and available during coffee hour.
-  Communion is served the first Sunday of the month.
-  WPC uses bread that is gluten free and made without tree nuts or peanuts.

**Please ask an usher if you need help; we are here to assist you!**

## **STAFF & HOURS**

PASTOR: Rev. François Lacroix

- Tuesday, 11:00am-4:00pm
- Wednesday, 10:00am-2:00pm

ASSOCIATE PASTOR: Rev. Taylor Cornelius

- Monday, 11:00am-4.430pm
- Thursday, 10:00am-1:00pm

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC: Lee Hagon-Kerr

CHURCH ADMINISTRATOR: Nathan Gibson

- Monday-Friday, 9:00am-3:00pm

COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR: Leslie Krowchenko

CLERK OF SESSION: Christine Darr

CO-TREASURERS: Ed Mattote and Todd Darr

FINANCIAL SECRETARY: Michelle Hall

***A community where all who seek God are Welcome...***



A STEPHEN SERIES CONGREGATION

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### WORDS FOR MEDITATION

Maundy Thursday (From Mandatum, Latin for commandment) proclaims Jesus' commandment to love one another as he has loved us. It celebrates Christ's example of humble service and self-offering, represented by the washing of feet and the sharing of communion. The liturgy begins with an emphasis of confession and forgiveness, concluding the penitential season of Lent. It ends with the stripping of the church... The liturgy of the three days (Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and The Great Vigil of Easter) encompasses the end of Lent and the beginning of Easter. Like the threshold of a door, it stands between the two seasons—as through the suffering and sorrow of Jesus' death we enter into God's promise of abundant and everlasting life... Easter begins the great fifty days, the church's joyful celebration of the new thing God has done, is doing, and will do in Jesus Christ. (Book of Common Worship)

### GATHERING

#### WORDS OF WELCOME

#### MUSICAL MEDITATION

In the Shadow of His Cross

M. E. Akers

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

A meal, a table, a group of friends.

Water, bread, Wine.

So simple, So powerful.

A promise: life abundant.

A commandment: love one another.

**Let the feast of love begin!**

**Let us worship God!**

#### OPENING PRAYER

#### CALL TO CONFESSION

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, you have called us to serve others as Christ has served us.

**We confess that we have not followed Christ's example as fully or as often as we should. We turn away from people in need. True humility eludes us, and we hide our own vulnerability before others.**

You have commanded us to love one another as you have loved us.

**We confess that we do not love so generously. Gathered on this Holy Thursday, we confess that we are capable of denying and betraying you and one another, no less than the first disciples. Forgive us, merciful God, and cleanse us of all our sin; then guide our feet to walk with you always. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

MUSICAL MEDITATION                                      Give Me Jesus                                      arr. L. L. Fleming  
O, when I am alone, give me Jesus. You may have all the rest, give me Jesus. O, when I come to die, give me Jesus. You may have all the rest, give me Jesus. And when I want to sing, give me Jesus. You may have all the rest, give me Jesus.

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.  
The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

#### **And also with you.**

*(On Holy Thursday, it is especially fitting to follow the Confession of Sin and Declaration of Forgiveness by passing the peace of Christ. Please share the peace of Christ with one another at his time.)*

### WORD

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING                                      Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14                                      NSRV OT 58

OLD TESTAMENT READING                                      Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19                                      NSRV OT 564

EPISTLE READING                                      1 Corinthians 11:23-26                                      NSRV NT 173

GOSPEL READING                                      John 13:1-17, 31b-35                                      NSRV NT 107

MUSICAL MEDITATION                                      Could We Start Again Please                                      A. L. Webber  
Taylor Cornelius and Tyler Gibson

#### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

### CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

(The opportunity to eat and drink with Christ is not a right bestowed upon the worthy, but a privilege given to the undeserving who come in faith, repentance, and love. All who come to the table are offered the bread and cup, regardless of their age or understanding. If some of those who come have not yet been baptized, an invitation to baptismal preparation and Baptism is graciously extended. Worshipers prepare themselves to celebrate the Lord's Supper by putting their trust in Christ, confessing their sin, and seeking reconciliation with God and one another. Even those who doubt may come to the table in order to be assured of God's love and grace in Jesus Christ. W-3.0409 Directory for Worship, Book of Order, PCUSA)

#### INVITATION TO THE TABLE

#### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

MUSICAL MEDITATION

Set Me As a Seal

R. Clausen

Set me as a seal upon your heart, as a seal upon your arm, for love is strong as death. Many waters cannot quench love; neither can the floods drown it. Set me as a seal upon your heart, as a seal upon your arm, for love is strong as death.

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

COMMUNION

*Communion is served by intinction and in silence. All are invited to come and surround the table. Bread will be passed from one worshipper to the other. Hold the bread until a Pastor makes their way around with the cup for you to dip your bread and eat.*

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

**SENDING**

DISMISSAL

*The church is now draped in black and the lights are dimmed. The Christ candle is removed from the sanctuary. All are symbols of the emptiness of the world without the presence of the resurrected Christ.*

MUSICAL MEDITATION

Were You There

WERE YOU THERE

Were you there when they crucified my Lord? Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble. Were you there when they crucified my Lord? Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree? Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble. Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree? Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble. Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

*After the musical meditation, all are asked to depart in silence.*

*The church will be open tomorrow for quiet meditation and prayer from 9am to 9pm.*

*The Labyrinth will also be available in the Fellowship Hall.*

*Our service continues on Sunday Morning.*

### **Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14**

<sup>1</sup>The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: <sup>2</sup>This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. <sup>3</sup>Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. <sup>4</sup>If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it.

<sup>11</sup>This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the Lord. <sup>12</sup>For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the Lord. <sup>13</sup>The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. <sup>14</sup>This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

### **Psalm – 116:1-2, 12-19**

<sup>1</sup>I love the Lord, because he has heard my voice and my supplications. <sup>2</sup>Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.

<sup>12</sup>What shall I return to the Lord for all his bounty to me? <sup>13</sup>I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord, <sup>14</sup>I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people. <sup>15</sup>Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his faithful ones. <sup>16</sup>O Lord, I am your servant; I am your servant, the child of your serving girl. You have loosed my bonds. <sup>17</sup>I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice and call on the name of the Lord. <sup>18</sup>I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people, <sup>19</sup>in the courts of the house of the Lord, in your midst, O Jerusalem. Praise the Lord!

### **1 Corinthians 11:23-26**

<sup>23</sup>For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, <sup>24</sup>and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." <sup>25</sup>In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." <sup>26</sup>For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

### **John 13:1-17, 31b-35**

<sup>1</sup>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."

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