

First Presbyterian Church of Gastonia

BROKENNESS

— AND —

BEAUTY

A Lenten Series on the Journey to Restoration



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SERVICE FOR MAUNDY THURSDAY

April 14, 2022

6:30 p.m.

WE GATHER FOR GOD'S WORD

GATHERING

*As you enter, please sit at one of the tables and prepare your heart for worship.
Tonight's meal and worship will occur at these tables.*

PRELUDE

"O Sacred Head Now Wounded"

Clay Christiansen

WORDS OF WELCOME

Rev. Daniel J. Commerford

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, the table is set and the food is ready.

We come to the Lord's Table to worship Christ, who restores what is broken.

Come, all who are weary and burdened with the weight of sin and death.

We come to the Lord's Table to be freed from our shortcomings.

Come, all who are wounded and yearning for relief.

We come to the Lord's Table to be healed.

Come, all who have abandoned hope.

We come seeking the promise of new life.

Come, the table is set and the food is ready.

We come to the Lord's Table to worship Christ, who restores what is broken.

†HYMN #503

"Lord, We Have Come at Your Own Invitation"

O QUANTA QUALIA

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rev. Lauren Sease Vanacore

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 26:17-30

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE

"Lump"

by Rob Bell

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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.

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

100% of tonight's offering will benefit S.O.C.K.S.



OFFERTORY MUSIC

"God So Loved the World"

John Stainer

PRAYER OF BLESSING

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Romans 5:6-11

Rev. Rachel Vogado

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

INVITATION

LITURGY OF THE BREAD

On the night of his arrest, Jesus shared a meal with his disciples.

For it is in the communion of saints that God's voice is heard.

After giving thanks, he took the bread and broke it, saying,

"This is my body, broken for you..."

We thank you, Lord, for giving yourself on the cross for our sake.

Jesus said, "Do this in remembrance of me."

We eat this bread to remember the depths of God's love shown to us in Jesus Christ.

The body of Christ, broken for you...

HYMN #496 (verse 1)

"Bread of Heaven, on Thee We Feed"

AFRON

Bread of heaven, on thee we feed, for thou art our food indeed. Ever may our souls be fed with this true and living Bread, day by day with strength supplied through the life of Christ who died.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Jeremiah 31:31-34

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

LITURGY OF THE CUP

In the same manner after the meal, Jesus gave thanks to the Lord.

We give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, and his mercy endures forever.

After giving thanks, Jesus took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant, which is sealed in my blood that is shed for the forgiveness of sins.

In Christ's new covenant, we are given new life that is centered on his gracious love for us.

Jesus said, "Do this in remembrance of me."

We drink from this cup to proclaim the reconciliation with Christ brings us by conquering death for our sake.

The blood of Christ, shed for you...

HYMN #496 (verse 2)

"Bread of Heaven, on Thee We Feed"

AFRON

Vine of heaven, thy love supplies this blest cup of sacrifice. 'Tis thy wounds our healing give; to thy cross we look and live. Thou our life! O let us be rooted, grafted, built on thee.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Holy God, we thank you for the meal that you have given us.

We thank you for your promise to be with us and equip us for your purpose.

May the meal we have shared together strengthen us for our journey of faith and discipleship.

For whenever we eat from this bread or drink from this cup, we proclaim your amazing grace until the day Christ comes again.

†HYMN #202

"An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare"

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†BENEDICTION

Please depart in silence. Our worship continues on Good Friday.

Worship Leaders

Rev. Daniel J. Commerford
Rev. Lauren Sease Vanacore
Rev. Rachel Vogado
Bethany Jennings
David Jennings