Order of Worship

We are caring believers who grow, share, and live out our faith in Christ.

March 28, 2024 *Maundy Thursday* 7:30 PM

PRELUDE Amy Duran, piano

Our Approach to God

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively) from Psalm 31

Leader: I run to You, God; I run for dear life. Get down on my

level and listen, please.

People: Free me from hidden traps; I want to hide in You.

I've put my life in Your hands. You won't drop me;

You'll never let me down.

Leader: Hour by hour I place my days in Your hand, safe from

the hands out to get me. Warm me, Your servant, with a

smile; save me because You love me.

People: Love God, all you saints; God takes care of all who

stay close to Him. Be brave. Be strong. Don't give

up. Expect God to get here soon.

*HYMN "Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne" #292

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 22:1-6 p. 86(NT)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy Spirit, You've constructed the church with a lot of ritual. And the ritual cultivates meaning and memory – things we're supposed to think about, do, and recall. But we often engage ritual the same way we'd prepare spaghetti in a colander – we keep the ritual, and let the meaning drain away. And so, God, especially as we get ready to celebrate the Lord's Supper, we'd ask that You fill that ritual with the meaning it's meant to have. We pray to have deeper lives in Christ, through all these things we do in and through Your church. Amen.

HEARING OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS
LIVING THANKFULLY AS FORGIVEN PEOPLE

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 22:7-23 p. 86(NT)

CHANCEL CHOIR "Lenten Sanctus" Lee Dengler

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 22:24-38 p. 87(NT)

The Word of God

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

God, as we enter into Your Word, in a way, we enter Your Presence. You're speaking to us. We're seated at Your feet, longing to hear You. And so, we pray through Your Spirit, that we would. We pray that Your Word will penetrate us and change us, and make us more fully Your disciples, Jesus. Amen.

SCRIPTURE Luke 22:39-46 p. 87 (NT)

SERMON "Entering the Presence Pastor Sayer

PRAYER FOR BLESSING ON THE WORD

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Meaning of the Sacrament (Responsive) insert

Invitation

Communion Prayer (Responsive) insert

Communion

Communion Thanksgiving (Responsive) insert

Our Response to God

CHANCEL CHOIR "King of the Wounds" Craig Courtney

THE GENERAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

*HYMN "O Sacred Head Now Wounded" #316

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After the singing of the final hymn, please leave the sanctuary in silence.



Please join us for Easter Sunday:

Sunday, March 31, 6:30 AM: Easter Dawn Service
Pondside Park, Blanch Avenue and Kolder Way
Harrington Park
(If it's raining, the service will be held
here in the sanctuary.)

7:30 -- Breakfast in Founders' Hall

10:00 AM – Easter Celebration Worship

The Community Church

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The Rev. Steve Sayer, Pastor

... he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death — even death on a cross.

PHILIPPIANS 2:8, NRSV



Meaning of the Sacrament

Leader: Beloved in the Lord Jesus Christ, the holy supper which we are

about to celebrate is a feast of remembrance, of communion, and

of hope.

People: We come in remembrance that our Lord Jesus Christ was

sent of the Father into the world to assume our flesh and blood and to fulfill for us all obedience to the divine law, even

to the bitter and shameful death of the cross.

Leader: By His death, resurrection, and ascension He established a new

and eternal covenant of grace and reconciliation that we might be

accepted of God and never be forsaken by Him.

People: We come to have communion with this same Christ who has

promised to be with us always, even to the end of the world.

Leader: In the breaking of the bread He makes Himself known to us as the

true heavenly bread that strengthens us unto life eternal.

People: In the cup of blessing He comes to us as the Vine in whom we

must abide if we are to bear fruit.

Leader: We come in hope, believing that this bread and this cup are a

pledge and foretaste of the feast of love of which we shall partake when His kingdom has fully come, when with unveiled face we

shall behold Him, made like unto Him in His glory.

People: Since by His death, resurrection, and ascension Christ has

obtained for us the life-giving Spirit who unites us all in one body, so are we to receive this Supper in true love, mindful of

the communion of saints.

Communion Prayer

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts!

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

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

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

Leader: ... With your whole Church on earth and with all the company of

heaven we worship and adore Your glorious name.

People: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and

earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna in the highest!

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People: and all that is within me, bless His holy name.

Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul,

People: and do not forget all His benefits

Leader: Who forgives all your iniquity,
People: Who heals all your diseases,

Leader: Who redeems your life from the Pit,

People: Who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy.

Leader: The Lord is merciful and gracious,

People: slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

Leader: He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.

Leader: For as the heavens are high above the earth,

People: so great is His steadfast love toward those who fear

Him;

Leader: As far as the east is from the west,

People: So far does He remove our transgressions from us.

Leader: As a father has compassion for his children,

People: So the Lord has compassion for those who fear him,

Leader: Who did not spare His own Son,

but gave Him up for us all,

and will also give us all things with Him.

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