



New Castle Presbyterian Church ~ Built 1707 ~ New Castle, Delaware

Maundy Thursday April 14, 2022

Words of Welcome

Gathering Prayer

O God, your love is embodied in your son, Jesus Christ, who came not to be served but to serve. By your Word and Spirit, you have given us a new commandment: to love and serve one another as you love us. As Christ washed his disciples' feet on the night of his betrayal, wash us from the stain of sin, so that throughout our whole lives, we would follow in his way of self-giving love. May the good news of your liberating grace be sealed in our hearts and shown in our lives. Through Christ we pray, Amen.

Solo #202 (verse 1) An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare

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. ²The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper ³Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, ⁴got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. ⁵Then 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.

⁶He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" ⁷Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." ⁸Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." ⁹Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" ¹⁰Jesus 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." ¹¹For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean."

Call to Confession

Sung Prayer of Confession

Hymn #431

Forgive Us, Lord

Assurance of Pardon

Let us proclaim the Good News together:

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God.

Remembering our Baptisms

Scripture Lesson

John 13:12-15

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¹²After 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? ¹³You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. ¹⁴So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. ¹⁵For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you.

Hymn #727 (verse 1, 2, and 6) Will You Let Me Be Your Servant

Scripture Lesson

John 13:16-30

Page: NT 108

¹⁶Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. ¹⁷If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them. ¹⁸I am not speaking of all of you; I know whom I have chosen. But it is to fulfill the scripture, ‘The one who ate my bread has lifted his heel against me.’ ¹⁹I tell you this now, before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe that I am he. ²⁰Very truly, I tell you, whoever receives one whom I send receives me; and whoever receives me receives him who sent me.”

²¹After saying this Jesus was troubled in spirit, and declared, “Very truly, I tell you, one of you will betray me.” ²²The disciples looked at one another, uncertain of whom he was speaking. ²³One of his disciples—the one whom Jesus loved—was reclining next to him; ²⁴Simon Peter therefore motioned to him to ask Jesus of whom he was speaking. ²⁵So while reclining next to Jesus, he asked him, “Lord, who is it?” ²⁶Jesus answered, “It is the one to whom I give this piece of bread when I have dipped it in the dish.” So when he had dipped the piece of bread, he gave it to Judas son of Simon Iscariot. ²⁷After he received the piece of bread, Satan entered into him. Jesus said to him, “Do quickly what you are going to do.” ²⁸Now no one at the table knew why he said this to him. ²⁹Some thought that, because Judas had the common purse, Jesus was telling him, “Buy what we need for the festival”; or, that he should give something to the poor. ³⁰So, after receiving the piece of bread, he immediately went out. And it was night.

Hymn #203 (verse 1 and 4)

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love

Scripture Lesson

John 13:31-35

Page: NT 108

³¹When he had gone out, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³²If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³Little 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.’ ³⁴I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

Hymn #205

Ubi Caritas

Invitation to Discipleship**A Time of Silent Reflection**

Solo #202 An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare (vs 2)

The Sacrament of Communion

Matthew 26:26

[On the first day of Unleavened Bread] ²⁶ While they were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to the disciples, and said, “Take, eat; this is my body.”

Breaking of the Bread

Matthew 26:27-28

²⁷ Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you; ²⁸ for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.

Pouring of the Cup

Hymn #499 Bread of the World in Mercy Broken

Prayer

Communion

Prayer after Communion

God of grace, we give you thanks for the feast of redemption we have shared in the body and blood of our Savior. As you have nourished us with love, let our lives proclaim your great love for the world, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Solo #202 (verse 3 and 4) An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare

Benediction

Invitation to continue the celebration:

After worship has concluded, you are welcome to remain at Christ’s table for further feasting and fellowship.

The Meeting House will be open tomorrow for personal meditation; a Good Friday guided devotional will be available there as well as electronically via our website.