



Presbyterian  
Community Church  
of the Rockies

## *Maundy Thursday Service*



*April 18,*

*2019*

### **A message from Pastor Michael Moore:**

*“When we visited Santa Fe just over a year ago, we spent some time in the midst of an outdoor Stations of the Cross with statues outside of the Cathedral Basilica of St Francis of Assisi. This particular statue asked us to reflect on Jesus’ condemnation to death. In it I can also see some of the agony which he must have felt as the disciples went with him from the Last Supper to Gethsemane.”*

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Prelude

Larry Gillum

### **Opening Sentences**

Jesus said: I give you a new commandment, that you love one another.

**Just as Christ has loved us, let us love one another.**

One: Beloved people of God: This is the day when Christ, our Passover Lamb, surrendered himself to those who would kill him, setting us free from sin and death forever.

This is the day when Christ, our Teacher and Lord, knelt down to wash his disciples' feet, showing us how to love and serve one another.

This is the day when Christ, the bread of heaven, shared a holy meal with his followers, offering a feast of abundant life and grace for all.

### **Unison Prayer of the Evening**

**O God, your love is embodied in Jesus Christ, who washed disciples' feet on the night of his betrayal. Wash us from the stain of sin, so that, in hours of danger, we may not fail, but follow your Son through every trial, and praise him always as Lord and Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**Hymn No. 513:** "Let Us Break Bread Together"

### **Confession and Pardon**

The proof of God's amazing love is this: while we were sinners, Christ died for us. Because we have faith in him, we dare to approach God with confidence. In faith and penitence let us confess our sins before God and one another.

**Eternal God, whose 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 or love one another as you command.

**In your mercy, forgive and cleanse us. Lead us once again to your table and unite us to Christ, who is the bread of life and the vine from which we grow in grace.**

*A period of silent prayer*

**Lord, have mercy.**

**Christ, have mercy.**

**Lord, have mercy.**

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus, we are forgiven. **Thanks be to God.**

### **Prayer for Illumination**

Eternal God, by your Word and Spirit, you have given us a new commandment: to love and serve one another in Jesus' name. Let the good news of your liberating love be sealed in our hearts and shown in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **Scripture Readings**

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

John 13: 1-17, 31b-35

### **Maundy Thursday Meditation**

#### **Prayer of Intercession**

...Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

#### **Communion** *(Received by Intinction. The bread is gluten free.)*

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise...**

**Hymn No. 97:** "Go to Dark Gethsemane"

*Please depart in silence*