First Presbyterian Church
Maundy Thursday

April 1, 2021 7:00 pm

Welcome

Prelude  
"O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"  arr. J. S. Bach

Call to Worship
Jesus said: I give you a new commandment, that you love one another.
Just as Christ has loved us, let us love one another.

Opening Prayer  Ed McLeod

Hymn  
"An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare"  No. 202

Scripture  Mark 14:12-16, 22-25

Meditation  Laurie Taylor Weicher

Solo  
"Love One Another"  Hal Hopson
Neal Wegener, Tenor

Institution of the Lord's Supper

Invitation

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise...

Words of Institution
Partaking of the Elements
Prayer of Dedication
Litany of the Passion | Bold words are to be sung using hymn No. 218, “Ah, Holy Jesus.” 

As we move from Table to Cross, let us pray:

O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you? I delivered you from captivity through the waters of baptism; but you handed me over to my captors, giving me up to die; and you have made a cross for your Savior.

Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended, that we to judge thee have in hate pretended? By foes derided, by thine own rejected, O most afflicted!

I claimed you as my family, as branches of my vine; but you cut off my chosen ones, spilling innocent blood; and you have made a cross for your Savior.

Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon thee? Alas, my treason, Jesus, hath undone thee. "Twas I, Lord Jesus, I it was denied thee; I crucified thee.

I gave you the keys to my kingdom and welcomed you inside; but you turn away strangers, closing the doors that I open; and you have made a cross for your Savior.

Lo, the Good Shepherd for the sheep is offered, the slave hath sinned, and the Son hath suffered; for our atonement, while we nothing heeded, God interceded.

I came to dwell among you as the Word made flesh; but you ignore neighbors in need, failing to recognize my face, and you have made a cross for your Savior.

For me, kind Jesus, was thine incarnation, thy mortal sorrow, and thy life's oblation, thy death of anguish and thy bitter passion, for my salvation.

I came to be your light, to overcome the darkness; but you remain in the shadows, hiding your light from the world; and you have made a cross for your Savior.

Therefore, kind Jesus, since I cannot pay thee, I do adore thee, and will ever pray thee, think on thy pity and thy love unswerving, not my deserving.

We have made a cross for our Savior. We sit with the heaviness of this reality and go into the night waiting and hoping for the light of Sunday morning. Amen.

Postlude

“Were You There?”

arr. John Innes

Serving Christ from the heart of the city to the ends of the earth with love, faith and action.