

# *Pebble Hill Presbyterian Church*



*Worship for April 17, 2025*

**Worship for Maundy Thursday**  
**April 17, 2025**

**Prelude**

*O Sacred Head, Now Wounded*

arr. Mark Hayes

*\*Please stand if you are able. Congregation reads aloud the **bold** print.*

**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 Hymn #202**

*An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare*

**Confession and Pardon**

A time of silent confession is held...

**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. Lord, have mercy upon us as we lift our voices in song together...**

**\*Sung Response #575**

*Lord, have Mercy upon Us*

**Pardon**

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

May the God of mercy, who forgives you all your sins, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Psalm** Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19 (p. 564) **Carolyn Layburn**

**Anthem** *God So Loved the World*

**Gospel Reading** John 13:1-17, 31b-35 (pp.107, 108)

**Sermon** “Today We Choose” **Rev. Courtney Steininger**

**\*Affirmation of Faith**

**I believe in God the Creator, who made me and all things, who set me on my path in this world.**

**I believe in God the Savior, who is one with the Creator, who rescued me and all creation from the depredations of our violations against God and creation. This man, Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ, walked a path through this world, taking on human form having been born of a woman through the power of the Holy Spirit. He lived and worked in this world among people just like me. He walked God’s path to death on a cross, and rose from the dead to open our pathway to eternal life.**

**I believe in God the Holy Spirit, my counselor and guide, who is one with the Creator and the Christ, who through the body and blood of Jesus brings me into communion with all people, past, present and future; who calls me to walk a sacred way of life through this world, caring for creation and the people I meet on the way, loving them, helping them, welcoming them without prejudice, being God’s hands and feet in the world.**

**Symbolic Washing**

**\*Sung Response #205** *Live in Charity (Ubi Caritas)*

**Epistle Reading** 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 (p. 173) **Carolyn Layburn**

**Prayers of Intercession**

**Communion**

## **Invitation to the Lord's Table**

### **Great Thanksgiving**

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...**

Therefore we praise you, joining in singing: **Holy, Holy, Holy (562)**

We offer ourselves in your service through Jesus Christ our Lord, singing together:

**Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again (563).**

and in the grace of your Word, to the glory of your holy name. **Amen (564)**

### **Breaking of the Bread and Communion**

### **Prayer after Communion**

**\*Closing Hymn #228**

*Were You There*

### **Stripping of the Church**

*Please leave the Sanctuary in silence.*



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