



ORDER OF SERVICE

Disciples of Southwest Pennsylvania
gathered with
Central Christian Church – Uniontown
Rev. Heather Simpson, Pastor
Wednesday, March 31, 2021

Gathering Music - Andra Moran

Lighting of the Christ Candle and Evening Welcome

Call to Worship — Unison

We gather across the miles tonight.
God gathers us close and calls us to give thanks for creation's goodness,
for the strength to labor,
for the wisdom to relax.
God brings us here to participate as a community of faith,
Christ's people, a new family!
Every day, God invites us
to speak in truth from the depths of heart and mind,
to pray freely, and to receive the gifts of Christ's Table.
Let us be open to God's love and grace,
and may we pour out our offerings of praise!
Amen.

Hymn—*Surely, the Presence of the Lord Is in This Place*

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place;
I can feel his mighty power
and his grace.
I can hear the brush of angels' wings,
I see glory on each face;
Surely the presence
of the Lord is in this place.
(Repeat)



Opening Prayer and Lord's Prayer

...Our Father who art in Heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done, On earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our debts. As we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the Kingdom, And the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Hymn – *Lavish Love*

Lavish love, abundant beauty, gracious gifts for heart and hand,
Life that fills the soul and senses? All burst forth at Your command.
Lord, our Lord, Eternal Father, great Creator, God and Friend,
Boundless power gave full expression to Your love which knows no end.

I am Yours, my great Redeemer, all my body, mind, and heart.
Take and use me to Your glory, form Yourself in every part.
Lord, Your love brings joy and gladness flowing forth within my soul.
May my very breath and being rise to You, their source and goal.

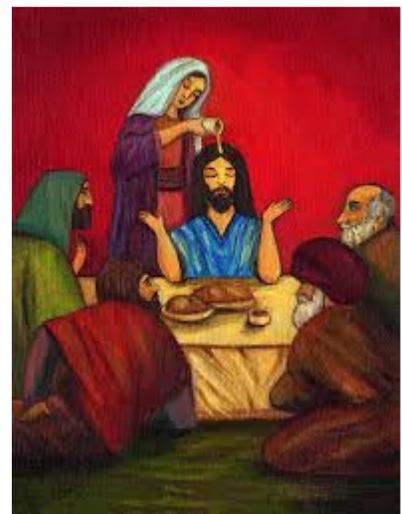
An Invitation to Prayer for Ourselves and Others

Evening Prayer

Scripture – Mark 14:1-11 (NRSV)

It was two days before the Passover and the festival of Unleavened Bread. The chief priests and the scribes were looking for a way to arrest Jesus by stealth and kill him; for they said, “Not during the festival, or there may be a riot among the people.”

While he was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he sat at the table, a woman came with an alabaster jar of very costly ointment of nard, and she broke open the jar and poured the ointment on his head. But some were there who



said to one another in anger, “Why was the ointment wasted in this way? For this ointment could have been sold for more than three hundred denarii, and the money given to the poor.” And they scolded her.

But Jesus said, “Let her alone; why do you trouble her? She has performed a good service for me. For you always have the poor with you, and you can show kindness to them whenever you wish; but you will not always have me. She has done what she could; she has anointed my body beforehand for its burial. Truly I tell you, wherever the good news is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in remembrance of her.”

Then Judas Iscariot, who was one of the twelve, went to the chief priests in order to betray him to them. When they heard it, they were greatly pleased, and promised to give him money. So he began to look for an opportunity to betray him.

L: This is the Word of God, for the people of God.

P: Thanks be to God.

Reflection on the Word

Invitation to the Table of Christ

Communion Hymn vs. 1 & 2

Let us break bread together on our knees;
let us break bread together on our knees.
When I fall on my knees,
with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us drink wine together on our knees;
let us drink wine together on our knees.
When I fall on my knees,
with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.

Words of Institution

Elder’s Prayer for Bread and Cup



Communion of the Bread and Cup

Communion Hymn vs. 3

Let us praise God together on our knees;
let us praise God together on our knees.
When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.

Closing Blessing

Leader: We give thanks for the ways in which we meet Christ at many tables, and for the way in which he makes them all his own.

All: Here, we have poured out our offerings of praise and sacred ointment; here we have had our emptiness filled by his abiding presence.

Leader: We are fearfully and wonderfully made, created from the stuff of the stars and the dust of the earth. We are poured out as an offering, and embraced by lavish love.

All: Now we go in God's peace to meet the grueling days of Christ's Passion, assured of the promise of life eternal to be revealed by an empty tomb.

Benediction

