

The Presbyterian Church of Okemos
March 28, 2024
Maundy Thursday



Prelude *O World, I Now Must Leave Thee* Johannes Brahms
Dr. Marlene Brewbaker, organist

Welcome Pastor Lisa Schrott

*** Opening Sentences** Pastor Lisa Schrott

One: In remembrance, we gather:

All: to be with the One who teaches us the meaning of faithfulness.

One: In remembrance, we worship:

All: lifting our voices to the One who calls us to love one another.

One: In remembrance, we feast:

**All: breaking the Bread which makes us whole,
drinking the Cup which fills us with grace.**

*** Hymn # 521** *In Remembrance of Me*, vs. 1-3
[Red]

Prayer of Confession Rebecca Mattern

One: On this night of all nights, we confess the ways we disappoint, deny, and even betray Jesus, our Teacher and Lord. We say to ourselves, “Surely. I would never betray you. Jesus, I would never deny you.” And yet we do. Our confession of sin is made in the sure knowledge that Jesus is able to wash us in forgiveness and love.

All: We confess tonight that we are like those who crucified our Lord. We are like those who denied Jesus—refusing to claim him as Lord of our whole life. (silence)

One: Lord in your mercy, hear our confession.

All: We are like those who have mocked him—forgetting his power in this world. We are like those who made him a crown of thorns—diminishing his authority in our lives. (silence)

One: Lord in your mercy, hear our confession.

All: We are like those who hung him on a Cross—choosing the allure of violence and fear rather than justice and peace. We are like those who turned away their gaze—afraid to enter into the suffering of this world. (silence)

One: Lord in your mercy, hear our confession.

All: Forgive us. Have mercy upon us.

Promise of the Gospel Rebecca Mattern

One: Even in the darkness of this night, even in the emptiness of these hours that stretch out before Easter morning, the promise of the Resurrection is still at hand.

All: It is a dim light, and yet to the light we cling.

One: Give us grace to receive this assurance of your love.

All: Grant us peace on this night. Amen.

* Response #447

We Are Forgiven
[We Are Forgiven]

*We are forgiven. We are forgiven.
Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.
We are forgiven. We are forgiven.
Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.*

Prayer of Illumination

Pastor Lisa Schrott

Gracious God, feed us with your holy Word and fill us with your Holy Spirit, so that our lives may proclaim the mystery of faith in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

New Testament Scripture

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Pastor Lisa Schrott

Meditation

The Gift of Remembering
Pastor Lisa Schrott

Special Music

God So Loved The World
PCO Chancel Choir

John Stainer

*God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son,
That whoso believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.
For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world;
But that the world through him might be saved*

Litany of Prayer for Our World

Rebecca Mattern

One: O God most high, on this night we remember Jesus gathered around the Table with those who sought to follow him and too often failed.

All: Jesus has set an example for us; help us to follow him.

One: We pray for the church and for all who serve others, especially those in most need.

All: Jesus has set an example for us; help us to follow him.

One: We pray for peace among nations and religions, and peace among people.

All: Jesus has set an example for us; help us to follow him.

One: We pray for those who suffer because of hatred and hard-heartedness.

All: Jesus has set an example for us; help us to follow him.

One: We pray for those who are injured by acts of violence or natural disaster.

All: Jesus has set an example for us; help us to follow him.

One: We pray for those who are sick or dying, for those who are frightened or distraught.

All: Jesus has set an example for us; help us to follow him.

One: Most holy God, in Jesus Christ, you show us that true glory is in humble service. Renew in us your call to love one another, to welcome the stranger, and to show Christ's mercy in all we do. It is for his sake that we pray. Amen.

Holy Communion

Invitation

Pastor Lisa Schrott

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Rebecca Mattern

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to God.

One: Let us give thanks to God.

All: It is right to give both thanks and praise.

The Lord's Prayer

in unison

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.

Breaking of the Bread

Pastor Lisa Schrott

We will serve each other the communion meal this evening. Please take a piece of bread and pass the plate to your neighbor. Hold onto your bread until all have received it and then we will share the Bread of Life together. The bread is gluten free, soy free, dairy free and nut free.

Please take a cup from the tray and drink from the Cup of Salvation as it is passed to you.

Place your empty cup in the rack in the pew. There is both non-alcoholic wine (light colored) and grape juice (dark colored).

Communion Prayer

Rebecca Mattern

*** Hymn #206**

This is the Night (vs. 1, 2, 3, 5)

[My Neighbor]

Stripping of the Chancel

Peter's Denial Foretold: Mark 14:26-31

Rebecca Mattern

Jesus Prays in Gethsemane: Mark 14:32-42

Pastor Lisa Schrott

Depart in Silence

Please join us tomorrow, April 7, at 7:00 p.m. at Faith Lutheran Church, 4515 Dobie Road in Okemos for a community Good Friday Service. The service will be live streamed at

<https://www.facebook.com/faithlutheranokemos>

We also welcome you to join us for the Easter Sunday Worship Service at 10:00 a.m. in the PCO Sanctuary. The service will include communion and special music from a Brass Ensemble, the Handbell Choir and the Chancel Choir. Join us for an Easter brunch after the service provided by Parish Life.

** Please rise in body or spirit*

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