

Prelude

Call to Worship

The God who made the world and everything in it gives to all life and breath.
See what love God has given to us that we should be called the children of God.

***Beneath the Cross of Jesus**

No. 297

Beneath the cross of Jesus I fain would take my stand,
the shadow of a mighty Rock within a weary land;
a home within the wilderness, a rest upon the way,
from the burning of the noontide heat and the burden of the day.

Upon the cross of Jesus mine eye at times can see
the very dying form of One who suffered there for me:
and from my stricken heart with tears two wonders I confess,
the wonders of redeeming love and my unworthiness.

I take, O cross, thy shadow for my abiding place:
I ask no other sunshine than the sunshine of his face;
content to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss;
my sinful self my only shame, my glory all the cross.

Prayer of Confession

O God, our heavenly Father, be merciful to us as we are mindful of those sins we have committed against you and against others. We know that we have followed our own desires and have failed to do your will. We have permitted fear, hatred, and suspicion to separate us from our brothers and sisters. We have expressed our love and concern to some, but not to all. Forgive us of all our sins, as we are ever mindful of the greatness of your love, as revealed through Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Silent Prayers and Lord's Prayer

Litany of Spiritual Unity

I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me, and I in him, will bear much fruit; for you can do nothing without me.

Help us, O Lord, to remember that we are spiritually united with all who acknowledge you as their Savior. You have revealed the will and love of God for all people, whereby we can find meaning and purpose in life.

Whoever does not remain in me is thrown out, like a branch, and dries up; such branches are gathered up and thrown into the fire where they are burned up.

Forgive us, O Lord, wherein we have failed you and our spirits have withered; help us to cleanse ourselves within of all that hinders our spiritual growth.

If you remain in me, and my words remain in you, then you will ask for anything you wish and you shall have it. This is how my Father's glory is shown, by your bearing much fruit, and in this way you become my disciples.

Grant us, O Lord, those spiritual things that we desire and need. As we receive these gifts from you, might we express our gratitude by doing that which is your will each day.

I love you just as the Father loves me; remain in my love. If you obey my command, you will remain in my love, in the same way that I have obeyed my Father's command and remain in His love.

Let us, O Lord, be mindful of your love so great as to have you give your life upon the cross for our salvation. Help us to follow your commandments because of our love for you.

I have told you this so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. This is my commandment; Love one another, just as I have loved you.

Guide us, O Lord, that we might express our love to others, regardless of their race, belief, or circumstance in life, in the same way that we would express it to those of our own fellowship.

***Hymn What Wondrous Love No. 292 vs. 1, 2**

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,
what wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul?

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,
what wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of life
to lay aside his crown for my soul, for my soul,
to lay aside his crown for my soul?

Scripture John 13:1-15 (Revised English Bible)

It was before the Passover festival, and Jesus knew that his hour had come and that he must leave this world and go to the Father. He had always loved his own who were in the world, and he loved them to the end.

²The devil had already put it into the mind of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. During supper, ³Jesus, well aware that the Father had entrusted everything to him, and that he had come from God and was going back to God, ⁴ rose from the supper table, took off his outer garment and, taking a towel, tied it round him. ⁵Then he poured water in to a basin, and began to wash his disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel.

⁶When he came to Simon Peter, Peter said to him, 'You, Lord, washing my feet?' ⁷Jesus replied, 'You do not understand now what I am doing, but one day you will.' ⁸Peter said, 'I will never let you wash my feet.' 'If I do not wash you,' Jesus replied, 'you have no part with me.' ⁹Then, Lord,' said Simon Peter, 'not my feet only; wash my hands and head as well!'

¹⁰ Jesus said to him, 'Anyone who has bathed needs no further washing; he is clean all over; and you are clean, though not every one of you.' ¹¹ He added the words 'not every one of you' because he knew who was going to betray him.

¹²After washing their feet he put on his garment and sat down again. 'Do you understand what I have done for you?' he asked. ¹³ 'You call me Teacher and Lord, and rightly so, for that is what I am. ¹⁴Then if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. ¹⁵I have set you an example: you are to do as I have done for you.

The Word of God for the people of God.

THANKS BE TO GOD.

Meditation

"Humility"

Pastor Harold Werley

Breaking the Bread and Blessing the Cup

Because there is one loaf, we, many as we are, are one body; for it is one loaf of which we all partake. When we break bread, is it not a sharing in the body of Christ? When we give thanks over the cup, is it not sharing the blood of Christ?

Through the broken bread.

We participate in the body of Christ.

Through the cup of blessing
We participate in the new life Christ gives.

Communion

Prayer after Communion

You have given yourself to us, Lord.

Now we give ourselves for others.

Your love has made us a new people.

As a people of love we will serve you with joy.

Your glory has filled our hearts;

Help us to glorify you in all things. Amen.

***Hymn Were You There No. 288**

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?
Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?

Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they pierced him in the side?

Were you there when the sun refused to shine?
Were you there when the sun refused to shine?
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when the sun refused to shine?

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

