

**CLOSING HYMN #101 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross**  
1 When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died, my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.

2 Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast save in the death of Christ, my God! All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to His blood.

3 See, from His head, His hands, His feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down. Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?

4 Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small. Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

**DEPART IN SILENCE**

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EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 4, 7AM  
THE GAMMON HOME

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**Providence Forge  
Presbyterian Church  
April 1, 2021**

**PRELUDE**

**Melody Raef**

**OPENING SENTENCES**

One: Do you remember your last supper before the pandemic? The last meal you had out at a restaurant with friends? The last meal before fear and anxiety ran the conversation? If you had known it was your last, would you have lingered? Would you have ordered dessert? Would you have held your friends' hands and told them how much you loved them? Tonight we gather together, because this night was Jesus' last supper with his disciples. Take a moment to imagine how Jesus must have felt.

*Pause for silence.*

Friends, with all of this in mind, I invite you to join me in our opening words:

**All: Tonight we will hear of a love that knows no bounds. May we be fully present here. May we worship the holy God.**

**OPENING HYMN #85 What Wondrous Love is This**

1 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 heavy cross for my soul, for my soul, to bear the heavy cross for my soul?

2 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing, to God and to the Lamb I will sing; to God and to the Lamb who is the great I Am, while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing, while millions join the theme, I will sing.

4 And when from death I'm free I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be, and through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and through eternity I'll sing on.

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God who holds us together, if I were to place myself at your table, I would probably be Peter—misunderstanding your radical hospitality, sticking to the rules, arguing what I do and don't deserve. Then again, it's possible that I'd be Judas—the one who betrayed you, the one who failed to see the good right in front of him. If I were to place myself at your table, it's possible I would be one of the unnamed disciples—watching, but not speaking, silently missing the opportunity to tell you what I believe and how much I love you. If I were to place myself at your table, I am confident that I would have made the same mistakes your well-intentioned disciples made. There is no surprise there. What is surprising is that I know you would have washed my feet nonetheless. So forgive me, God. Wash not just my feet, but my hands and my head also. Amen.

## WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

One: Family of faith, Jesus knew that Peter would deny. He knew that Judas would betray, and he knew the disciples would hide in fear. And still—and still—he invited them in. He washed their feet, and he fed them. Friends, we worship the living Christ whose love shocks, surprises, and far exceeds our understanding of love. So may this story tonight remind us:

**All: No matter who we are, no matter where we go, no matter how great our mistakes or regrets are in life, we will always be invited in and held together by the Living God. We are forgiven. We are held. Amen.**

**SCRIPTURE**                      **John 13:1-17, 31b-35 (NRSV)**

**ANTHEM**            *Given For You*            **Melody Raef and Tom Ballou**

**EVENING REFLECTION**                      **Rev. Nancy Coleman**

## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We are each a tapestry of stories. We are our stories of fear and grief, as well as our stories of love and joy. We believe that God sees all of these interwoven truths and says to our fragile selves: *“Come in. Come in from the cold, come in from the rain, Come in from wherever you are, and be here tonight.”* We believe that God then pours warm water into a basin to wash off the weariness of the day, the bruises of the past, and the doubt that clings to us. We believe that this act is an act of love. Similarly, we believe that God says to us: “Eat.” And God's own self is shared with us. It is food not only for our bodies, but for our souls. We believe the parts of

our tapestry that feel worn and frayed are held together with love. So today, we remember. Today we say thank you. Today, we confess—we are held together through the love of Christ. Thanks be to God.

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**            from the Oremus website

Father, on this, the night he was betrayed, your Son Jesus Christ washed his disciples' feet. We commit ourselves to follow his example of love and service. **Lord, hear us and humble us.**

On this night, he prayed for his disciples to be one. We pray for the unity of your Church...**Lord, hear us and unite us.**

On this night, he prayed for those who were to believe through their ministry. We pray for the mission of your Church...

**Lord, hear us and renew our zeal.**

On this night, he commanded them to love, but suffered rejection himself. We pray for the rejected and unloved...

**Lord, hear us and fill us with your love.**

On this night, he reminded them that if the world hated them, it hated him first. We pray for those who are persecuted for their faith...

**Lord, hear us and give us your peace. Amen.**

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**SONG OF PREPARATION**                      **Melody Raef**

## SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

**Invitation**

**Prayer of Thanksgiving and Lord's Prayer**

**Words of Institution**

**Sharing the Elements**

**Prayer**