

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

CELEBRATION OF THE LAST SUPPER

“Were You There?” Maggie Lambirth

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

CHRIST’S PASSION ACCORDING TO THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

*FIRST READING
JOHN 17: 1-5, 20-26*

*Rose Scott
Jesus Prays for His Disciples*

*SECOND READING
John 18: 1-11*

*Maddi Mendoza
The Betrayal and Arrest of Jesus*

*THIRD READING
John 18: 12-14, 19-24*

*Jonathan Mendoza
Jesus Before the High Priest*

*FOURTH READING
John 18: 15-18, 25-27*

*Sandy Hunter
Peter Denies Jesus*

*FIFTH READING
John 18: 28-38a*

*Donald Hunter
Jesus Before Pilate*

*SIXTH READING
John 18: 38b - 19:16a*

*Mary Holc
Jesus Sentenced to Death*

*SEVENTH READING
JOHN 19: 16b – 30*

*Mary Weber
The Crucifixion of Jesus*

SPECIAL MUSIC “The Old Rugged Cross”

Elizabeth Walker, solo

**CHARGE AND BENEDICTION*

**POSTLUDE*

*Gail Haire
All who are able, may stand.

*GREGORY MEMORIAL
PRESBYTERIAN*

*APRIL 17, 2025
7:00 P.M.*



THE GATHERING

WELCOME

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP “Blessed Assurance” Maggie Lambirth, violin

CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Scott Jackson

One: Beloved people of God, this is the day when Christ,
our Passover Lamb, surrendered himself to those
who would kill him, setting us free from sin and death forever.

**All: This is the day when Christ, the bread of heaven,
shared a holy meal with his followers,
offering a feast of abundant life and grace for all.**

One: Let us worship God!

***HYMN 212 “Alas! And did My Savior Bleed” Gail Haire**

CALL TO CONFESSION (Responsive) S. Jackson

One: Judas, slave of jealousy, where are you? *All: We are here.*

One: Peter, slave of fear, where are you? *All: We are here.*

One: Thomas, slave of doubt, where are you? *All: We are here.*

One: Men and women of Jerusalem, enslaved to mob rule, where are you?

All: We are here.

One: Pilate, slave of expediency, where are you? *All: We are here.*

One: The story of Christ’s passion and death mirrors for us much of our own
weaknesses and sin. We all come here as men and women
who have missed the mark and are alienated from God and our neighbor
near and far. Let us join in the prayer of confession.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison) S. Jackson

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.

(Silent personal prayers of confessions are offered.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Responsive) S. Jackson

One: God sweeps into our human scene, redeeming all who turn from evil and do good.

All: There is grace, mercy, and renewed strength for all who earnestly seek the new life Christ brings.

One: Through the sacrifice of Jesus, we have been forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God!

*HYMN 215 "What Wondrous Love Is This" Gail Haire

HEARING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION (Responsive) S. Jackson

One: Come Holy Spirit, source of all life. As we hear again the story of the passion, let the same mind be in us that was in Christ, who was a servant that we might be free.

All: Awaken our ears, open our hearts, and sustain the weary with your word. Amen.

SCRIPTURE John 3:16 K.C. Jackson

REFLECTION "A Story of Love" K. C. Jackson

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

*HYMN 521 "In Remembrance of Me" Gail Haire

PREPARING OURSELVES TO RECEIVE COMMUNION

**Ruling Elders Aaron & Jennifer Lambirth
Maggie Lambirth "Come, Thou Fount"**

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

PRAYER OF PREPARATION & THE LORD'S PRAYER

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also, with you.

One: Lift up your hearts!

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

One: God, we thank you for this holy time. You have called us to be your church, your body, hands and heart, outside our church building into the world you have created.

All: Lead us, O God, by the power of your Spirit to live as love commands. As Jesus gave his life for ours, help us to live our lives for others with humility and persistent courage. Give us strength to serve you faithfully until the promised day of resurrection, when, with the redeemed of all the ages, we will feast with you at your table in glory.

One: Heavenly Creator, we thank you for these gifts of bread and wine. May they be for us a holy and spiritual meal where we feel your presence. May they feed us and nourish us to continue Christ's ministry of love and reconciliation to the world. As we gather on this Holy Night, we humbly pray that which Jesus taught his disciples to pray:

***All: 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.
Lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.***