

OPENING PRAYER: Rev. Mark Juengel

Leader: In the past God spoke through the prophets at many times and in various ways,

People: But in the last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom he made the universe.

Leader: Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of Praise - the fruit of lips that confess his name.

People: Praise the Lord!

PRELUDE: When I Survey the Wondrous Cross arr. Smith-Hustad
Matthew Rupcich, piano
Adele Harrison, organ

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: Rev. Mark Juengel

***CALL TO WORSHIP:** Rev. Mark Juengel

Leader: Today, we gather in remembrance.

People: We gather as people who recognize their need for a Savior.

Leader: We worship the king who humbled himself in obedience to death.

People: We cry out to Jesus, who loved us even in our sin.

Leader: We sing to the one who took our place.

People: We raise our hands to the God who allowed his son to die, so that we could always live.

ALL: Tonight, we gather in remembrance - with deep gratitude and love for our beautiful Savior.

***HYMN #215: "What Wondrous Love Is This"**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: Rev. Mark Juengel

O God, even now, we feel the darkness gather as we tell the stories of the Last Supper and your time in the Garden of Gethsemane. A sense of loneliness and foreboding hangs in the air. We want to believe we would not have abandoned you in your time of need had we been with you. But in our hearts, we know our behavior would not have differed from that of the disciples. We know this because we still turn away from you when it is expedient. We put other things before our commitment to you and fail to heed your command to serve others. Forgive us for not being more faithful. Forgive us when we are reluctant to share the Good News of the gospel, worried more about offending someone than offering them hope. In this time before Easter, help us to reflect and remember what your persecution and death mean to us. May we be prepared to greet Easter with a sense of awe and a renewed commitment to a new life in you. Amen.

KYRIE: Hear, our prayer, O Lord,
Hear, our prayer, O Lord,
Incline Thine ear to us, and grant us Thy peace

MOMENT OF SILENCE

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS: Rev. Mark Juengel

Through the crucified body and blood of Christ the King, we have been given a pardon from God. "For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins". Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, proclaiming Jesus as Lord of all. **Amen.**

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION:

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.**

THE FIRST READING: "The Question" Ben Cumberland

MUSIC MEDITATION: God So Loved the World Stainer
Chancel Choir

THE SECOND READING: "The Institution of the Sacrament" Anthony Kiesendahl

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER INVITATION TO THE TABLE OF THE LORD

COMMUNION LITANY

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

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

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Leader: Holy God, you are the creator of heaven and earth. Your beloved son came as a servant to wash away our sin and feed us with the bread of life. You call us to cleanse our hearts and prepare for the victory of the Lamb who was slain. We thank you for inviting us to feast with him who died for us, and who calls us to serve each other in love.

MUSIC MEDITATION: Ave Verum Corpus Mozart
Lauren Piccotti, soprano
Ginny Hack, alto
Stephen Faubel, bass
Don Hageman, tenor

*Hail, true Body, born of the Virgin Mary,
who has truly suffered, and was sacrificed on the cross for mankind,
whose side was pierced, whence flowed water and blood,
Be for us a foretaste of heaven, during our final trial.*

Leader: All glory and blessing are yours, Holy God, for in your great mercy you gave you only Son, Jesus Christ. He took our human nature and suffered death on the cross of our redemption. There, he made a perfect sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. We praise you that before he suffered and died, our Savior gave us this holy sacrament and *(Cont'd.)*

Leader: commended us to continue it as a lasting memorial of his death and sacrifice, until he comes again. In gratitude we come before the Righteous One, declaring his resurrection and glory, and knowing that his prayers alone make us worthy to partake of His spiritual meal. Believing Christ's promise of eternal life, we live in him and declared the mystery of our faith. Saying:

People: When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus, until you come in glory.

Leader: Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us, that this loaf and this cup may be for us the body and blood of our Lord, and that we and all who share this feast, may be one with Christ and he with us.

People: Through Christ, with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, now and forever.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE DISTRIBUTION OF ELEMENTS

PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION:

Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul:

People: And all that is in me, bless God's holy name.

Leader: Bless the Lord O my soul:

People: And forget not all God's benefits.

Leader: Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given your very self to us. As we now hear the words of Scripture and sing sacred hymns of your sacrifice, may we be drawn to gratitude that shows itself in service: through Jesus Christ our Lord, **Amen.**

THE THIRD READING: "A New Commandment" Dominic Caruso

THE FOURTH READING: "The Garden of Gethsemane" Edward Kiesendahl

MUSIC MEDITATION: When you Prayed Beneath the Trees Larson
Chancel Choir

THE FIFTH READING: "The Betrayal" Ben Cumberland

THE SIXTH READING: "The Denial" Anthony Kiesendahl

***HYMN # 442: "Just as I Am" (Verses 1, 2, & 3)**

THE SEVENTH READING: "Jesus Before Pilate" Dominic Caruso

THE EIGHTH READING: "The Verdict" Edward Kiesendahl

MUSIC MEDITATION: Ah, Holy Jesus McDonald
Adele Harrison, organ

THE NINTH READING: "The Crown of Crowns" Ben Cumberland

THE TENTH READING: "Jesus Forgives" Anthony Kiesendahl

MUSIC MEDITATION: What Wonderous Love is This arr. Wagner
Handbell Choir

THE ELEVENTH READING: "Jesus and the Thieves" Dominic Caruso

THE FINAL READING: "He Died" Edward Kiesendahl

MUSIC MEDITATION: Were You There When They Crucified My Lord
Lauren Piccotti, soloist Burleigh
Matthew Rupcich, piano

THE BENEDICTION

Let us leave the sanctuary in silence.

COMMUNION:

This evening, we are receiving Communion by Intinction. Participants will be invited to come down the center aisle, receive a piece of bread and dip it in the Chalice. Please eat the body right there and return to your seat via the side aisle. Anyone who is unable to come forward will have Communion brought to them.

Upcoming Holiday Worship Services:

Easter Sunday Service – April 5th - 10am

April Communion Sunday – April 12th - 10am

First Presbyterian Church of Hawley

"Come to Grow in Love, Spirit, and Faith"



April 2, 2026

7:00pm

***Maundy Thursday &
Communion***



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Please take time to prepare for worship through meditation and prayer during the prelude. As the prelude begins, quiet your voice and soul. With music and prayer let us move from "getting to church" to "being the church" as we worship together.