



# first presbyterian

CHURCH OF NASHVILLE

APRIL 13, 2017  
MAUNDY THURSDAY  
COMMUNION SERVICE  
6:30 P.M.

## GATHERING

OPENING SENTENCES

Sandra Randleman

†VOLUNTARY

*Herzliebster Jesu (Ah, Holy Jesus)*

Helmut Walcha

CALL TO WORSHIP

Adam DeVries

Leader: On this day Christ, the Lamb of God,

**People: gave Himself into the hands  
of those who would slay Him.**

Leader: On this day Christ took a towel  
and washed the disciples' feet,

**People: giving us an example that we should  
do to others as He has done to us.**

Leader: On this day Christ, our God,

**People: gave us this holy feast,  
that we who eat this bread and drink this cup  
may here proclaim His holy sacrifice.**

\*HYMN 202

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*An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare*

CALL TO CONFESSION

Adam DeVries

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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.

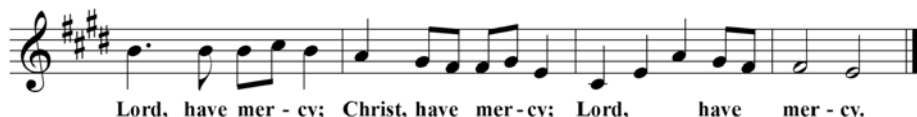
In Your mercy, blot out our transgressions and cleanse us.

Lead us once again to Your table,  
and unite us with Christ,

who is the bread of life and the vine  
from which we grow in grace.

(A moment for silent confession.)

LORD, HAVE MERCY *Kyrie Eleison*



ASSURANCE OF PARDON

## THE WORD AND SACRAMENT

HYMN 203

CHEREPONI

*Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Sandra Randleman

**Gracious God, we do not live by bread alone,  
but by every word that comes from Your mouth.  
Make us hungry for this heavenly food,  
that it may nourish us today  
in the ways of eternal life;  
through Jesus Christ, the bread of heaven. Amen.**

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING

John 13:1-17, 33-35, 14:25-29, 15:12-14, 16:32-33, *page 107*

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

MEDITATION

Sandra Randleman

*Following Jesus and Battling Dragons*

ANTHEM

Buryl Red

*In Remembrance*

In remembrance of Me, eat this bread.  
In remembrance of Me, drink this wine.  
In remembrance of Me, pray for the time  
when God's own will is done.  
In remembrance of Me, heal the sick.  
In remembrance of Me, feed the poor.  
In remembrance of Me, open the door,  
and let your brother in.  
Take, eat, and be comforted; drink, and remember, too,  
that this is My body and precious blood, shed for you.  
In remembrance of Me, search for truth.  
In remembrance of Me, always love.  
In remembrance of Me, don't look above,  
but in your heart for God. Do this in remembrance of Me.

## RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Todd Jones and  
Sandra Randleman

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

## SURSUM CORDA (*Lift Up Your Hearts*)

Musical score for "SURSUM CORDA (Lift Up Your Hearts)". The score is written on three staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff is for the Leader, and the second and third staves are for the People. The lyrics are: "The Lord be with you. And al - so with you. Lift up, lift up your - hearts. We lift them up to the Lord. Let us all give thanks to the Lord our - God. It is right to give God thanks and - praise."

## PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

## SERVING OF THE ELEMENTS

*Communion will be served by intinction. Please come down the center aisle, receive a section of bread, and dip it into the communion cup. Return to your seat by the side aisle.*

*Music sung during communion is found in the hymnal:  
By Gracious Powers – #818*

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Todd Jones

### \*HYMN 216

*Beneath the Cross of Jesus*

ST. CHRISTOPHER

### \*STRIPPING OF THE SANCTUARY

*Psalms 22*

Todd Jones

*At this time the sanctuary will be stripped of its liturgical elements to symbolize the darkness, betrayal and loneliness that our Savior experienced on Maundy Thursday. May the power of this symbolic act help prepare our hearts for the passion of Good Friday.*

*Please depart in silence.*

**PARTICIPATING IN THE SERVICE**

Todd Jones, Pastor

Adam DeVries, Associate Pastor for Youth and Their Families

Sandra Randleman,

Associate Pastor for Congregational Care and Missions

Rhonda Swanson, Assistant Organist

Keith Moore, Sanctuary Chorale Conductor

Claire Brantley, Oboe

John Pell, Guitar

**HOLY WEEK CONTINUES AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**Good Friday Noon Service**

Friday, April 14, Noon

*Stanford Chapel*

*"It Is Finished"*

*by the Rev. Dr. Todd Jones*

**Good Friday Tenebrae Service**

Friday, April 14, 7:00 P.M.

*The Sanctuary Choir presents this moving Good Friday service.*

*In this unique presentation, the choir will interpret the Passion story.*

*The text, read by Bob Loflin, is taken from the Gospel of John.*

*The Sanctuary Choir and congregation will respond and reflect on the unfolding Passion with hymns and anthems. You are invited to enter the world of Christ's Passion through word and music.*

**Easter Sunrise Service**

Sunday, April 16, 6:30 A.M.

*Sullivan Gardens*

*"Hope Is Unnatural"*

*by the Rev. Dr. Stuart Gordon*

**Easter Breakfast**

7:00 A.M. in Courtenay Hall

**Sanctuary Worship Services**

8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 A.M.

*"Earthquakes and Lifequakes"*

*by the Rev. Dr. Todd Jones*

*(No Sunday School)*

**The Five Thirty**

The Gathering Place

*Sermon by Josh Rodriguez*

*Overflow for these Easter services will be located in Courtenay Hall. Nursery is available for children ages three and younger for all services except the Good Friday Noon service and the Easter Sunrise service.*



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