

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

Prelude "March to the Cross" Tchaikovsky

Call to Worship Rev. Dayton Wilson

This is a day of remembrance for us.

We lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.

Throughout the generations, we have received and handed on to others what the Lord has given to us: water for washing; the towel of service;

the bread of his body; the cup of the new covenant; proclaiming the Lord's death until he comes again.

*Hymn 216 "Beneath the Cross of Jesus" Maker

*Call to Confession Rev. Dayton Wilson

Even among Jesus' closest disciples, not all were clean. On this night of all nights, we confess the ways we disappoint, deny, and even betray Jesus, our Teacher and Lord.

Our confession of sin is made in the sure knowledge that Jesus is able to wash us in forgiveness and love.

*Prayer of Confession Unison

Holy God, you have called us to serve others as Christ has served us. We confess that we have not followed Christ's example as fully or as often as we should. We turn away from people in need. True humility eludes us, and we hide our own vulnerability before others. You have commanded us to love one another as you have loved us. We confess that we do not love so generously. Gathered on this Holy Thursday, we confess that we are capable of denying and betraying you and one another, no less than the first disciples. Forgive us, merciful God, and cleanse us of all our sin; then guide our feet to walk with you always. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness Rev. Dayton Wilson

* The Gloria Patri Unison

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end; Amen.

* Sharing the Peace of Christ Rev. Dayton Wilson

The Peace of Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you

LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Prayer of Illumination Rev. Dayton Wilson

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us, we pray that we may see the light of your Word in the darkness of our lives. And seeing, may we understand; understanding, may we do all that you ask. In the name of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Scripture Readings Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19
John 12:20-36

Response Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

**Stand if you are able*

Sermon

Rev. Dayton Wilson

* Affirmation of Faith Nicene Creed Unison

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn 223 "When I Survey the Wonderous Cross" Mason

Holy Communion

Invitation to the Table Rev. Dayton Wilson

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

The Lord's Prayer Unison

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.

Breaking the Bread Rev. Dayton Wilson

The Communion of the People Rev. Dayton Wilson

(We will receive communion by coming forward to the table. Elders will present you with the elements. You are invited to participate in them as you return to your seat via the outside aisle.)

Prayer After Communion Rev. Dayton Wilson

DEPART TO SERVE

Sending Rev. Dayton Wilson

Special Music "Were You There" Mr. Mac Porter

* Postlude Mrs. Sylvia Campbell

Leave in silence and prayer.

**Stand if you are able*

Friday



Noon
Good Friday
Worship.

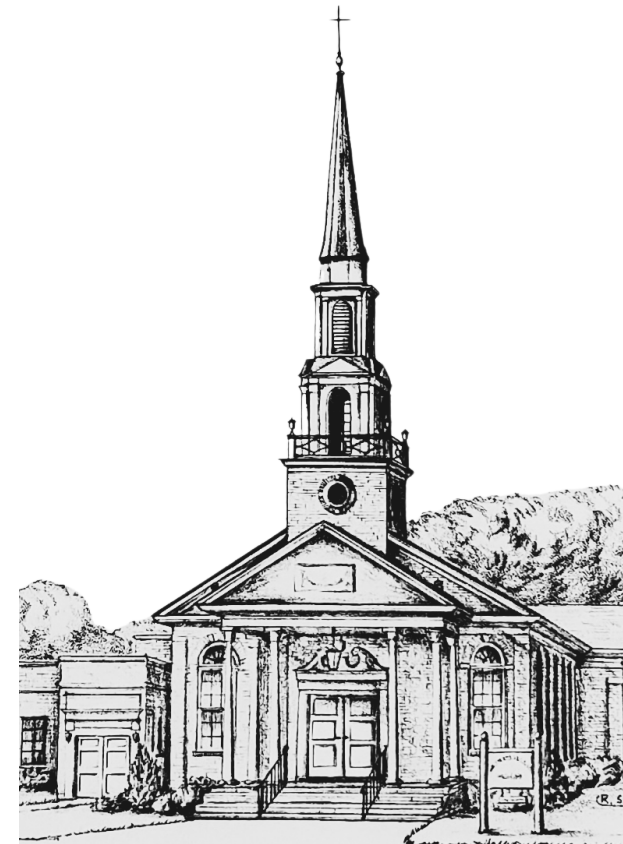
Join us for a
solemn service of
prayer and
worship hearing
the 7 last words
of Jesus.

Sunday



7:00 am
Community Sunrise
Outdoors at Farmers
Market (Bring a Chair)

11:00 am
Join us for worship and
Holly Communion as
we celebrate the
Resurrection of the
Lord.



ELIZABETHTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am

*"We are a community of faith, seeking to know Christ
and make Him known in all we say and do."*

SERVICE OF THE LORD'S DAY - March 28, 2024

Maundy Thursday
Gathering Around the Word

United in ministry by the power of God's Holy Spirit, we welcome you
to worship! May the Spirit of God be felt in our shared experience and
by being together as people of God united by His eternal love for us.

Office Hours: Monday - Thursday 8:30 am- 3:00 pm & Friday 8:30 am-12:00 pm

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