

# Maundy Thursday Service

Northwood Presbyterian Church  
Thursday, April 1, 2021 7:00PM

OPENING VOLUNTARY "Pleading Savior" arr. Mark Thewes

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Chris Curvin

CALL TO WORSHIP (*Responsive*) Chris Curvin

Leader: What shall we render unto the Lord for all God's blessings to us?

**People: We will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.**

Leader: Jesus said, "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you."

**People: Let us worship God and rejoice in His love as we come together sharing the love of Christ with one another.**

\*HYMN #223 "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" HAMBURG  
(stanzas 1,3,4)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Together*)

**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, forgive and cleanse us. Lead us once again to your table and unite us to Christ, who is the bread of life and the vine from which we grow in grace. In Jesus' name, Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: After Jesus had washed the disciples' feet he said to them, "Do you know what I have done for you?"

**People: If I, Your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. You also ought to wash one another's feet."**

Leader: Friends, hear and believe the good news of the gospel: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

CALL FOR THE OFFERING AND OFFERTORY PRAYER

*The Offering this evening is for Religious Community Services known as RCS, a mission project supported by Northwood and eighty other Christian and Jewish congregations. "The mission of RCS is to feed the hungry, help homeless families return to self-sufficiency, and empower survivors of domestic violence." (You may give your gift through our website or mail it to the church office or you may place it in one of the Giving Stations in the hallway as you leave.)*

SOLO "Lamb of God" Twila Paris  
Stephanie Carson, Soloist

*Your only Son no sin to hide, but you have sent Him from your side  
to walk upon this guilty sod and to become the Lamb of God.*

*Your gift of love they crucified, they laughed and scorned Him as He died.  
The humble King they named a fraud and sacrificed the Lamb of God.*

*Oh Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God. I love the Holy Lamb of God.  
Oh wash me in His precious blood, my Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.*

*I was so lost, I should have died, but You have brought me to Your side  
To be led by Your staff and rod and to be called a Lamb of God.*

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

## SCRIPTURE READING

1 Corinthians 1:18-31 (NRSV)

## COMMUNION MEDITATION

“Nothing Ordinary Here!”

Chris Curvin, Pastor

## \*HYMN #525

“Let Us Break Bread Together”  
(stanzas 1,2)

LET US BREAK BREAD

## SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Chris Curvin

Invitation and the Words of Institution

Prayer of Thanksgiving and 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.**

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD & THE SHARING OF THE CUP

## PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## \*HYMN #203

“Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love”  
(stanzas 1,2,3)


CHEREPONI

## STRIPPING OF THE CHANCEL

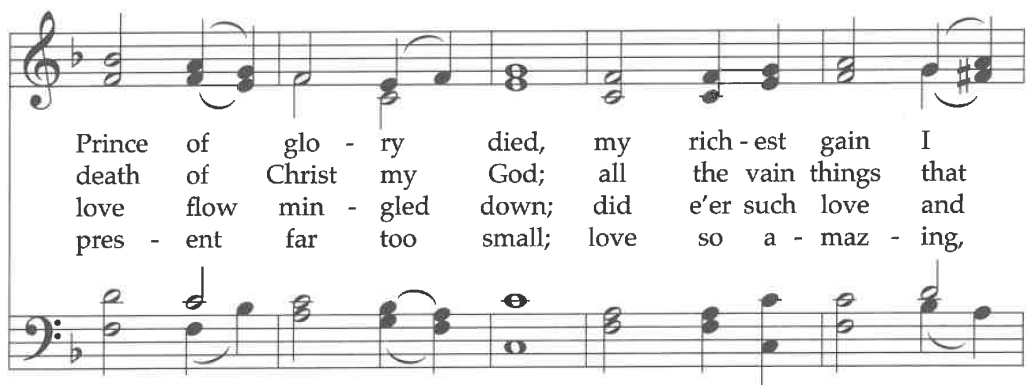
*The service concludes in silence after the closing hymn. There is no benediction as our worship service continues at Noon tomorrow, Good Friday.*

*\*Congregation will stand. If standing is difficult for you, feel free to remain seated.*

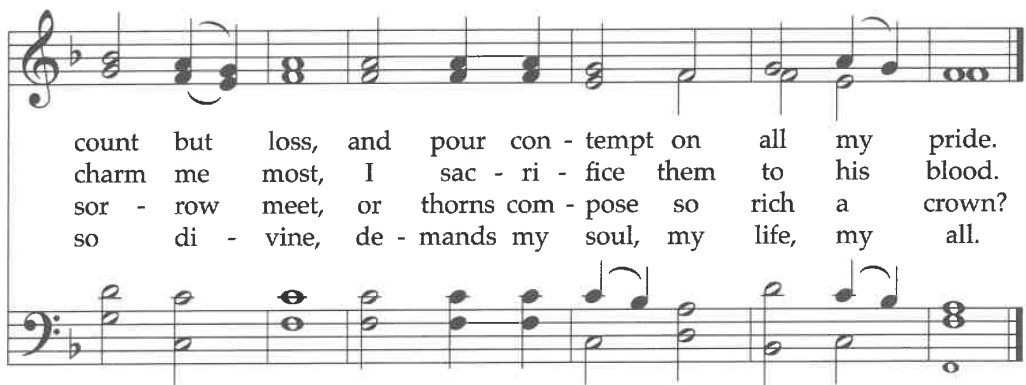
## When I Survey the Wondrous Cross 223



1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross on which the  
 2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the  
 3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sor - row and  
 4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were a



Prince of glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I  
 death of Christ my God; all the vain things that  
 love flow min - gled down; did e'er such love and  
 pres - ent far too small; love so a - maz - ing,



count but loss, and pour con - tempt on all my pride.  
 charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.  
 sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?  
 so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

This familiar text from the beginning of the 18th century grew out of Isaac Watts's desire to give Christians the ability to sing about gospel events. It is set here to a very restrained tune from the early 19th century inspired by the patterns of Gregorian chant.

# Let Us Break Bread Together 525

1 Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees; (on our knees)  
 2 Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees; (on our knees)  
 3 Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees; (on our knees)

let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees. (on our knees)  
 let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees. (on our knees)  
 let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees. (on our knees)

## Refrain

When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing sun,

O Lord, have mer - cy on me. (on me)

This African American spiritual quite possibly reflects the circumstances of slaves attending early morning communion services in colonial Anglican churches, but its combination of hope ("rising sun") and supplication ("Lord, have mercy") speaks to many worshippers' experience.