Order of Service

April 1, 2021 – 7:00 pm  
Springfield Presbyterian Church  
Order of Worship – Maundy Thursday  
   
*Prayer of Preparation*

Call to Worship  
Leader: This is the day,  
**People: When Christ, our Passover lamb,**  
Leader: Surrendered himself to those who would kill him,  
**People: To set us free from sin and death forever.**  
Leader: This is the day,  
**People: When Christ, our Teacher and our Savior,**  
Leader: Knelt down to wash the disciples’ feet,  
**People: Showing us how to love and serve one another.**  
Leader: This is the day,  
**People: When Christ, the bread of heaven,**  
Leader: Shared a holy meal with his followers,  
**People: Offering a feast of abundant life and grace for all.**  
**ALL: Let us come to worship our King.**

\* Hymn     GtG #202     *An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare*  
  
Prayer of Confession (unison)  
**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. Amen.**  
  
Silent Prayers of Confession

Musical Response GtG #471 O Lord, Hear My Prayer, v.1  
  O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer. When I call, answer me.

O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer. Come and listen to me.

Words of Assurance (responsive)   
Leader: The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.  
**People: May the God of mercy, who forgives us all our sins, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. Amen.**

Scripture Lesson 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, 24and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, ‘This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.’ 25In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, ‘This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.’ 26For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.

The Peace  
Leader: The peace of Our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. **People: And also with you.**  
  
Reflection At The Common Table

*Holy Communion*

*Invitation*

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving  
Leader: The Lord be with you.  
**People: And also with you.**  
Leader: Lift up your hearts,  
**People: We lift them up to the Lord**  
Leader: Let us give thanks to God  
**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**  
  
Pastoral Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer   
Through Christ, all glory and honor are yours, almighty Father. We raise our prayers to you, using the words that you taught us to speak…

**Our Father,** **who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on Earth as it is in Heaven and 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, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

***Words of Institution***

***Sharing of the Meal***

***Prayer of Dedication***

**God of grace, your Son Jesus Christ left us this holy meal of bread and wine in which we share His body and blood. May we who have celebrated this sign of His great love show in our lives the fruits of His redemption; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

The Service of Tenebrae  
   
Response Stay with Me – GtG#204  
   
The Passion of the Lord  
   
**The Arrest and Denial:** John 18:1-28a   -  [bell tolls]  
   
**The Trial:** John 18:28b-40a  -  [bell tolls]  
   
**The Cry for Death:** John 19:1-18 - [bell tolls]  
   
**The Crucifixion:** John 19:19-30 - [bell tolls]  
   
**The Burial:** John 19:31-42 - [bell tolls]  
   
**The Word Was God:** John 3:16-17 & 1:1-5

***Response*** Jesus, Remember Me – Taize – GtG#227

*Holy Silence and Tenebrae (Darkness)*

*The Tolling of the Bell*

*Departure (Silence)*