



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OF FARMINGTON

Church of the Open Hands

26165 Farmington Road,
Farmington Hills, MI 48334
(248) 474-6170
www.farmington-pres.org



Prelude

Lamb of God

arr. Bill Wolaver

Welcome

Rev. Bruce Mulder

Call to Worship and Lighting the Christ Candle

One: We gather with the dirt of the day on our hands, our feet, and our hearts.

All: We come in need of a Savior.

One: We gather with the disciples, preparing to come to the table, yet surprised once again by Jesus.

All: We come with our expectations only to be astonished by love.

One: We gather at the basin to be washed and at the table to be fed, in body and in spirit.

All: We come to receive a new commandment.

One: We gather in awe of the grace demonstrated in Jesus kneeling to serve.

All: We come seeking the grace to love one another as Christ loves us. Amen.

*Opening Hymn #223

When I Survey the Wonderful Cross

**1. When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride**

- 2. Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ my God;
All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood.**
- 3. See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down;
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?**
- 4. Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.**

Unison Prayer for Forgiveness

Creator and Loving God, you kneel to wash our feet, yet we are reluctant for you to see all the places we have gone in our attempts to escape you. You would bathe us in the warm, living waters of your love, even though we splash and play in the puddles of temptation. We have received all the gifts you have to offer, yet we are tempted to think they are only for us, rather than sharing them.

Forgive us, Holy One, and have mercy on us. What can we give you for all your wonderful graciousness towards us? As you have broken your heart for us, may we open ours in service to others. As you have given your life for us, may we offer ours to bring healing to the world. As you have called us together around your Table, may we go forth to feed a world hungry, not only for food, but for that Spirit which brings peace and reconciliation. This we pray as servants of Jesus Christ, who came to serve us in life, in death, in resurrection hope. Amen.

SILENCE

Silence is kept.

Assurance of Pardon

On this holiest of nights, we have received the good news: God has come in Christ Jesus, to fill us with hope and peace, to bathe us in grace and mercy.

In remembrance, we go forth:

To bring hope where despair resides;

To be servants to those who are broken;

To love as selflessly as we are loved by Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

Amen.

Extinguish Candle

Proclamation and Response

Scripture Reading

Exodus 12:1-14

Extinguish Candle

Hymn # 604

Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sing of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

Scripture Reading

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Extinguish Candle

Anthem

Wondrous Love
Chancel Choir

arr. Paul Christiansen

Gospel Reading

John 13:1-17, 31-35

Extinguish Candle

Reflection

Setting An Example

Rev. Bruce Mulder

Extinguish Candle

Ritual of Handwashing

Song of Invitation 466

Come Fill Our Hearts

Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You alone, O Lord, are holy.

Come and fill our hearts with your peace. Alleluia!

As at the traditional Seder, we invite you to wash and dry each other's hands before receiving Holy Communion to symbolize the humbling of ourselves in service to one another, remembering the words of Jesus, who said, "I have set you an example that you should do as I have done to you." (*John 13:15*)

Extinguish Candle

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Song of Invitation 701

Sanctuary

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true.

With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Rev. Bruce Mulder

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks and praise to our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

Great is the mystery of our faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

The Words of Institution

Sharing of the Gifts of Bread & Cup

Rev Bruce Mulder

You are invited to partake of a piece of the bread from your communion kit then we will drink together the juice. We ask that, as you leave, you please discard your used communion kit in the receptacle near the offering basket. Thank you.

Communion Prayer

Rev Bruce Mulder

We Follow God's Word into the World

Hymn of Sending #212

Alas and Did My Savior Bleed

1. **Alas! And did my Savior bleed, and did my Sovereign die!
Would he devote that Grace unknown! And love beyond degree!**
2. **Was it for sins that I have done he suffered on the tree?
Amazing pity! Grace unknown! And love beyond degree!**
3. **Well might the sun in darkness hide and shut its glories in
When Christ, the great Redeemer, died for human creatures sin.**
4. **But drops of grief can ne'er repay the debt of love I owe;
Here, Lord, I give myself away; 'tis all that I can do.**

Extinguish Candle

Stripping of the Sanctuary and Tolling of the Bell

The Bell will toll 33 times, one for each year of Christ's earthly life.

Tenebrae

***** Please depart in silence at the conclusion of the Stripping of the Sanctuary. *****

FPCF is not holding a Good Friday Service. You are welcome to worship at a place of your choosing to honor and observe this sacred day.

Please join us for Easter Worship on Sunday April 20, at 10am!