WELCOME TO
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Mission Statement
"Ebensburg Presbyterians
are Christians giving help
and hope to all by sharing God's love."

MAUNDY THURSDAY

GATHERING

TOLLING OF THE HOUR

CHORAL PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER: (Unison)

Almighty God, we give you thanks this night for the privilege of gathering together to remember, to celebrate, and to share. We give you thanks for the journey we have been on with you. Tonight we feast, as you did on a night like this so long ago, remembering your promises, your mighty deeds, your rescue of your people, your saving grace. As we share this meal tonight, make us mindful of those who are hungry. As we celebrate together, make us mindful of those who sorrow and those who are alone. As we remember once again all you have done and all that you are, form us once again into your people. Amen

CALL TO WORSHIP: (Responsively)

Leader: Come and remember the love of Jesus, gathered at table with his friends.
People: **We come to receive from Christ the bread of life and the cup of salvation.**
Leader: Come, receive the tender service Christ offers each one of us.
People: **We journey to Jerusalem and the Upper Room once again to behold the miracle of God's divine love.**

*HYMN #191 Ah, Holy Jesus (Red Hymnal)

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (Unison)
Forgiving God, whose covenant with us is never broken, we confess that we fail to fulfill your will. In Jesus Christ you serve us freely, but we refuse your love and withhold ourselves from others. We don't 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.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON: (Responsively)
Leader: God offers us the cup of salvation and the bread from heaven. We are precious in God's sight, worth saving from the judgment that we rightfully deserve. I declare that in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
People: In Jesus Christ, we are loved into a new covenant with God and with one another. We are accepted, we are loved, and we are pardoned. Praise Almighty God!

*GLORIA PATRI #579 (Blue Hymnal)

*PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST (Responsively)
The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**
(Please share the peace of Christ with those around you.)

CHORAL ANTHEM

THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION: (Unison)
Almighty God, open our hearts and minds by the power of the Holy Spirit that as the scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed we hear with joy what you say to us this evening. Amen.
FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Exodus 12:1-14 p. 51
SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: John 13:1-30 p, 876
SERMON: *A Lot to Take in*

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN #194 O Sacred Head, Now Wounded (Red Hymnal)

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: (Unison)
From "A Brief Statement of Faith"

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. We trust in Jesus Christ, Fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
THE LORD'S PRAYER: (Unison) p.16

INVITATION TO OFFERING
PRESENTATION OF GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

*DOXOLOGY #592 (Blue Hymnal)

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION: (Unison)

Gracious God, we thank you for blessing us with the riches of your glory and the depth of your love for us revealed in Jesus, We respond with these gifts and pray that you will bless them and all our efforts to enrich the lives of others through our witness and love. Amen.

CHORAL ANTHEM

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

All are welcome to the table! Please see insert.

SENDING

*HYMN#85 What Wondrous Love is This (Blue Hymnal)

STRIPPING OF THE SANCTUARY

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Go from this place carrying the love of Christ in your hearts that your life may be a witness to our Savior who was crucified because the world did not understand the depths of God's love.

*Please stand as you are able.