

# First Presbyterian Evanston

**April 9, 2020 – 7 p.m.**

**Maundy Thursday**

## **FOCUS**

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### **Welcome & Announcements**

## **EXALT**

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### **Opening Song**

An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare

*(Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1973;*

*Music: English folk melody, harm. John Weaver, 1988)*

An upper room did our Lord prepare  
For those he loved until the end:  
And his disciples still gather there  
To celebrate their risen friend.

A lasting gift Jesus gave his own:  
To share his bread, his loving cup.  
Whatever burdens may bow us down,  
He by his cross shall lift us up.

And after supper he washed their feet,  
For service, too, is sacrament.  
In Christ our joy shall be made complete:  
Sent out to serve, as he was sent.

### **Prayer of Confession**

**All: Lord Jesus Christ,  
how well you know our hearts,  
and still you love us--  
you have loved us till the end.  
We have denied you,  
and we have denied our calling to serve one another.  
We have betrayed you,  
and we have betrayed your commandment  
to love one another.  
Pour out your spirit upon us.  
Teach us to love and serve you faithfully  
and to love and serve one another  
by the example you have set for us;  
in your holy name we pray. Amen.**

*(People offer their own private silent prayers to the Lord)*

### **Assurance of Pardon**

Leader: Now the Lord Jesus Christ has been glorified,  
and God has been glorified in him.

Now the promise is fulfilled,  
and love's redeeming work is done.

**All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.  
Amen.**

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## **ENCOUNTER**

**Scripture**

John 16:31-33

“You believe at last!” Jesus answered. “But a time is coming, and has come, when you will be scattered, each to his own home. You will leave me all alone. Yet I am not alone, for my Father is with me. “I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.”

## **Sermon**

“Take Heart, I Have Overcome the World”

Jesus Encouraging His Disciples during the Last Supper

*David Ivaska*

*John, in his first letter to the churches...*

1 John 4:4

4 You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world.

1 John 5:4-5

4 for everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith. 5 Who is it that overcomes the world? Only the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God.

*John, while in exile, writing to the seven churches...*

Revelation 12:11

They overcame the accuser by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony; they did not love their lives so much as to shrink from death.

Revelation 17:14

They will make war against the Lamb, but the Lamb will overcome them because he is Lord of lords, King of kings – and with him will be his called & faithful followers.

Revelation 21:7

Those who overcome will inherit all things, and I will be their God, and they will be My people.

**RESPOND**

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**Song of Preparation**

Eat this Bread  
*(Text & Music: Taizé)*

Eat this bread, drink this cup,  
come to me and never be hungry.  
Eat this bread, drink this cup,  
trust in me and you will not thirst.

I am the bread of life, the true bread sent down from heaven.

Eat this bread...

Eat my flesh and drink my blood, and I will raise you up  
on the last day.

Eat this bread...

**Sacrament of the Lord's Supper**

**Prayer after Communion & the Lord's Prayer**

## **Closing Song**

### Nothing Can Ever Come

*(Text & Music: Taizé)*

Nothing can ever come between us and the love of God,  
the love of God revealed to us in Christ Jesus.

## **Benediction**

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## **Worship Service Leaders**

**Rev. Dr. Raymond Hylton**, Senior Pastor, Welcome,  
Announcements & Benediction

**Hannah & Robert McConnell**, Worship Leader & Piano

**Rev. Henry Coates**, Associate Pastor,  
Prayer of Confession, Assurance of Pardon, and Communion

**David Ivaska**, Scripture Reading & Devotional

**Jim Teague**, Communications Coordinator,  
Video Editing, Slides

### **Our Mission Statement**

***First Presbyterian Church of Evanston  
exists to know Christ and to grow in him  
as we serve and make disciples in Evanston,  
the Chicago area, and the world.***

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