

# Sampson's Mills Presbyterian Church



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**Prelude**

**Welcome and Introduction to the Service**

**Call to Worship**

*Leader:* Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. Let us pray.

**Unison Prayer**

**Merciful God, in this Holy Week we have gathered at your house of prayer. Turn, we pray, our hearts to Jerusalem, to the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ so that, united with Christ and all the faithful, we may one day enter in triumph the city not made by human hands, the new Jerusalem, eternal in the heavens, where with you and the Holy Spirit, Christ lives in glory forever. Amen.**

**\*Hymn**

*Come and Fill Our Hearts With Your Peace*

**Prayer for Illumination**

Eternal God, by your Word and Spirit, let the good news of your liberating love be sealed in our hearts and shown in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Selections from the Gospel of John

Narrator: On this night, Jesus had farewell conversations with his disciples. We listen in to several of those conversations.

Narrator: <sup>3</sup> Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, <sup>4</sup> got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. <sup>5</sup> Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. <sup>12</sup> After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them,

**Jesus: "Do you know what I have done to you? <sup>13</sup> You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. <sup>14</sup> So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have**

washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. <sup>15</sup> For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you.

Narrator: Jesus continued...

Jesus: <sup>34</sup> I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. <sup>35</sup> By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

Narrator: Jesus said to his disciples...

Jesus: <sup>25</sup> "I have said these things to you while I am still with you. <sup>26</sup> But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. <sup>27</sup> Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.

Narrator: A little later, <sup>1</sup> Jesus looked up to heaven and said...

Jesus: "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you.... <sup>10</sup> All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them.

Hymn

*O Lord Hear My Prayer*  
*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*

An Enacted Message

Narrator: Tonight, we hear a first person message about a man named Tom Springs who is the 78 year old father of 3 adult children. Tom's wife, Carrie, died years ago. Tom has been diagnosed with a failing heart. The setting is Tom's reading room that doubles as his meditation/prayer room. It is the evening of Maundy Thursday. He returned home after worship. He wrote a letter to his children, which he has just finished.

*Farewell Conversations*

Rev. Dr. Stephen Wilson

## Hymn

*Come, to the Table of Grace, verses 1-3*

### Celebrating the Lord's Table

**Pastor:** Christ invites us to share in bread and cup.

**All:** Christ invites us to share in service and humility, love, and blessing.

**Pastor:** Christ invites us to share in strength and renewal, forgiveness and reconciliation.

*Youth: Why do we give thanks and praise before this table?*

**All:** We give thanks for God's work of creation, liberation, and salvation

**Pastor:** It is indeed right, our duty and delight, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to you, O holy Lord, eternal God. You created the heavens and the earth and all that is in them; you made us in your own image; and in countless ways you show us your mercy. Therefore, with choirs of angels and the whole company from heaven, we worship and adore your glorious name, joining our voices in their unending praise:

**All:** Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

**Pastor:** All glory and blessing are yours, O holy God, for in your mercy you gave your only Son, Jesus Christ. He took our human nature and suffered death on the cross for our redemption. There he made a perfect sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. We praise you that before he suffered and died, our Savior gave us this holy sacrament and commanded us to continue it until he comes again.

*Youth: Why do we eat bread at this table?*

**Pastor:** on the night before he died, Jesus took bread. After giving thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying "Take, eat. This is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

*Youth: Why do we drink from the cup at this table?*

**Pastor:** The same night Jesus took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of me."

**Youth:** *What do we remember at this table?*

**All:** We remember God's gracious love for us, Christ's death and resurrection for us, and the Spirit's tender care for us. So, we proclaim the mystery of faith: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

**Pastor:** Merciful God, pour out your Holy Spirit on these gifts of bread and juice, that in eating and drinking we may be made with Christ and one another.

**All:** Amen.

**Pastor:** Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, now and forever.

**All:** Amen.

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.

**Receiving the Bread and the Cup**

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**Musical Interlude**

Max Keefer

**Scripture**

Matthew 26:30

When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

**The congregation departs in silence.**  
**Worship continues on Good Friday at 7:00 p.m.**

# Come and Fill Our Hearts

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*Confitemini Domino*

D Bm D A

Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You a-lone, O Lord, are ho-ly.  
Con - fi - te - mi - ni Do - mi - no quo - ni - am bo-nus.

Em C Em A D

Come and fill our hearts with your peace. Al-le-lu - ia!  
Con - fi - te - mi - ni Do - mi - no. Al-le-lu - ia!

# Come to the Table of Grace 507

Capo 3: (D) F (A) C (Bm) Dm (D7/A) F7/C (G) B $\flat$

1 Come to the ta - ble of grace. Come to the

(A) C (D) F (A) C (D) F (Em) Gm

ta - ble of grace. This is God's ta - ble; it's

(D/A) F/A (G) B $\flat$  (D/A) F/C (A7) C7 (D) (G) (D) F B $\flat$  F

not yours or mine. Come to the ta - ble of grace.

- 2 Come to the table of peace...
- 3 Come to the table of love...
- 4 Come to the table of hope...
- 5 Come to the table of joy...