

Sampson's Mills  
Presbyterian Church



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**Prelude**

**Welcome and Introduction to the Service**

**Call to Worship**

Liturgist: On this holy night, we remember the table, the towel, and the commandment.

**People: We come to remember Christ's love poured out in kindness.**

Liturgist: Jesus knelt to serve, though he is Lord of all.

**People: Jesus loved, even when love would cost him everything.**

Liturgist: He calls us now to walk his path and love his way.

**People: We come to worship Christ, and to learn again to love one another.**

**Opening Hymn:**

*Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love*  
*Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your Love,*  
*Show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.*  
*Kneels at the feet of his friends, silently washes their feet*  
*Master who acts as a slave to them.*  
*Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love*  
*Show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.*

**Unison Prayer**

**Lord Jesus, on this night of humble service and holy love, open our hearts to your example. Where we seek greatness, teach us kindness. Where we choose comfort, teach us compassion. Where we withhold love, command us again to give it freely. Meet us at your table and form us in your mercy. Amen.**

**Scripture Reading:**

Isaiah 58:6-7 (The Message)

John 13:1-5, 12-15

**Message:**

*Jesus' Witness to Kindness*

Hymn:

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

*Come to the table of grace, come to the table of grace.*

*This is God's table; it's not yours or mine. Come to the table of grace.*

*Come to the table of peace, come to the table of peace.*

*This is God's table; it's not yours or mine. Come to the table of peace.*

*Come to the table of love, come to the table of love.*

*This is God's table; it's not yours or mine. Come to the table of love.*

### **Celebrating the Lord's Table**

**Pastor:** On that very night, Jesus gathered to celebrate the Passover with friends.

**All:** **Tonight, we gather together as brothers and sisters in Christ.**

**Pastor:** Jesus knew that this night would be different. Tonight, things would change.

**All:** **May we have the hearts of disciples and listen to what Jesus commands us.**

**Pastor:** While we know the whole story, what happened that night as well as the following days, we still need reminded, re-molded, and redeemed. Tonight, let us remember what Jesus truly asks of us.

**All:** **To love the Lord our God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength. And to love our neighbor as ourselves.**

**Pastor:** On that night, 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." 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."

**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 one with Christ and one another.

**All:** **Amen.**

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

**All:** **Amen.**

**Pastor:** As we strive to follow what Jesus commands, let us pray in the way he taught us:

**All: 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.**

**Serving each other the Bread and the Cup**

*Tonight we will serve each other. We will assemble ourselves in a circle, allowing those who need to sit to filter through the pews. You will be served the bread and juice by the person beside you, then you will take the tray and serve the next person. As we experience this sacrament in a new way, may we remember that we are born to live in community and called to serve each other.*

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**Closing Hymn:**

*Shalom  
Shalom my good friends, shalom my good friends  
Shalom, Shalom  
Till we meet again, till we meet again  
Shalom, Shalom*

**Benediction**

*We invite you to return tomorrow evening at 7pm for our Good Friday service.*