



Maunder Thursday Service
Thursday, April 9 7pm
First Presbyterian Church of Hollywood

Call to Worship

Associate Pastor, Joel Larson

What shall we offer for all God's goodness to us?
Let us lift up the cup of salvation
and call on the name of the Lord.

Prayer of the Day

Holy God, source and sovereign,
you put all power and authority into the hands of Christ –
Christ, who washes our feet in humble service.
Teach us to love one another as Christ has loved us,
so that everyone will know that we are his disciples;
through Jesus Christ, our Teacher and Lord, we pray. **Amen.**

Gathering

The Apostle Paul wrote to the church at Corinth: Examine yourselves, and only then eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For all who eat and drink without discerning the body, eat and drink judgment against themselves. (1 Corinthians 11:28-32)

Prayers of the People

Transitional Pastor, Tim Eichler

Loving, listening God, ever-attentive to the voices of those in need, we call on your name so that we might live. Hear our prayer:

For the church that bears Christ's name, that the world may know we are his disciples by the love that we have for one another. For leaders of nations and all persons in positions of authority, that their lives may be marked by Christ-like service and love. For all who are oppressed and living in captivity, that they may escape from evil and death to find the land of freedom you have promised. For those who are hungry and thirsty this day and for those who have too much, that we may learn to share your generous gifts, O God. For the world, Your people, who who are dealing with the pandemic of the coronavirus; those who are ill, facing death, those who care for them, those who clean and sterilize community places, for all of that the presence of Christ may bless and keep them.

Answer us in the day of trouble, O God, so that we may lift up the cup of salvation in the presence of your people, giving thanks for all your goodness to us; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Prayer of Confession

If we judged ourselves, we would not be judged. But when we are judged by the Lord, we receive discipline so that we may not be condemned along with the world. With confidence in God's abundant mercy, let us examine ourselves and confess our sin.

Moment of Silence

Eternal God,

**whose covenant with us is never broken,
we confess that we fail to fulfill your will.
Though you have bound yourself to us,
we will not bind ourselves to you.
In Jesus Christ you serve us freely,
but we refuse your love
and withhold ourselves from others.
We do not 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

After Jesus had washed the disciples' feet, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? If I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you." (John 13:12-15)

Friends, hear and believe the good news of the gospel: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

Prayer for Illumination

Pastor Joel

Gracious God, we do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from your mouth. Make us hungry for this heavenly food, that it may nourish us today in the ways of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, the bread of heaven. Amen.

First Reading

Worship Coordinator, Brooke Coxon

Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14

The First Passover Instituted

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it...

...This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the Lord. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the Lord. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

Second Reading

Pastor Tim

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

The Institution of the Lord's Supper

For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Meditation

Pastor Joel

"Inseparable at His Table"

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Benediction

The Service will End in Silence

The bulletin cover designs during the 40 days of Lent are original artworks created by the youth group of FPCH, under the direction of youth pastor Nick Barrett and artist-in-residence Brian Fee. These images of mourning and suffering are based on 20th century German Expressionist prints.

The cover image is by an Anonymous painter.