



Pittsburgh Theological Seminary

A Service of Word and Sacrament

Hicks Memorial Chapel

Thursday, April 2, 2015

GATHERING

Prelude

Two Settings of *My Song Is Love Unknown*

Wayne L. Wold and Michael Burkhardt

***Call to Worship**

Leader: What shall we render to the Lord for all God's benefits to us?

***People:* We will lift up the cup of salvation
and call on the name of the Lord.**

Leader: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

***People:* Therefore let us keep the feast.**

(based on Psalm 116:12-13 and 1 Corinthians 5:7)

***Hymn of Devotion**

My Song is Love Unknown

GtG #209

*please rise in body and/or spirit

Prayer of Confession

Leader: Gracious God,
our sins are too heavy to carry,
too real to hide,
and too deep to undo.

***People:* Forgive what our lips tremble to name,
what our hearts can no longer bear,
and what has become for us
a consuming fire of judgment.**

Leader: Set us free from a past that we cannot change;
open to us a future in which we can be changed;

***People:* and grant us grace
to grow more and more in your likeness and image;
through Jesus Christ, the light of the world.**

Leader: Jesus, Lamb of God,

***People:* have mercy on us.**

Leader: Jesus, bearer of our sins,

***People:* have mercy on us.**

Leader: Jesus, redeemer of the world,

***People:* grant us peace. Amen.**

*Assurance of Pardon

*The Passing of the Peace

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you all.

***People:* And also with you.**

A sign of Christ's peace may be exchanged by all.

LISTENING FOR THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Gospel Reading: Matthew 26:20-30

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

***People:* Thanks be to God.**

Meditation

RESPONDING IN FAITH

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The music for the Great Prayer can be found
in *The Faith We Sing*, #2257.

Leader (singing): The Lord be with you.

People (singing): **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader: It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise,
eternal God, creator and ruler of the universe . . .
. . . Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with angels
and archangels and with all the faithful of every time and place,
who forever sing to the glory of your name:

People (singing): **Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might,**

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest...

Blest is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest . . .

Leader: You are holy, O God of majesty,
and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord . . .
. . . that our lives may proclaim the One crucified and risen.
Great is the mystery of faith:

People (singing): **Christ has died,**

Christ is risen,

Christ will come again.

Hosanna in the highest. . . .

Leader: Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us
and upon these your gifts . . .
. . . Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor are yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

People (singing): **Amen. Amen. Amen.**

Hosanna in the highest . . .

The Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution

*Everyone is invited to join the presider in speaking the Words of Institution.
Listen to each word or phrase, then repeat in unison.*

Communion of the People

*All baptized believers are invited to participate.
The bread is gluten-free so that all may partake of one loaf.
Please come forward as the servers turn toward your section.*

Song During Communion

Jesus, Remember Me

GtG #227

Prayer after Communion

*Song of Thanksgiving

What Wondrous Love is This?

GtG #215

SENDING

*The candle is extinguished as we transition from the Eucharistic celebration
to walk with Jesus toward crucifixion and death.
Without a benediction, all depart in silence, as cantors sing “When Jesus Wept.”
The service continues on Good Friday.*

Leaders in Worship

Gavin Walton, liturgist

Rev. Dr. Angela Dienhart Hancock, preacher and presider

Leanna Fuller, cantor ♦ Eric Gleason, violin ♦ Edith Humphrey, oboe ♦ Amy Jun, cantor

Bradley Rito, trombone ♦ Evan Wildhack, flute ♦ Matthew Williams, mandolin



Kendra Buckwalter Smith, *worship coordinator*

Michael P. Frank III, *chapel musician*

Maxwell Muska, *sound technician*