



# First Presbyterian CHURCH of VIRGINIA BEACH

— THE ORDER OF SERVICE FOR —



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April 1, 2021

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## GREETING

## VOLUNTARY

*Wonderful Love*

Setting by David Johnson

## CALL TO WORSHIP\*

Leader: Do you remember your last supper before the pandemic? The last meal you had out at a restaurant with friends? The last meal before fear and anxiety ran the conversation?

**People: If I had known it was my last, would I have lingered? Would I have held my friends' hands and told them how much I loved them? If I had known, would I have washed their feet?**

Leader: Tonight, we remember this night that was the beginning of the end. This night was Jesus' last supper with his disciples.

**People: Tonight we will hear, again and again, of a love that knows no bounds. May we be fully present here. May we worship God.**

## OPENING PRAYER

## HYMN 85

*What Wondrous Love Is This*

WONDROUS LOVE

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul, What wondrous love is this, O my soul! What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss  
To bear the heavy cross for my soul, for my soul, To bear the dreadful  
curse for my soul!

To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing, To God and to the Lamb I will sing; To God and to the Lamb, who is the great I Am, While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing; While millions join the theme, I will sing!

And when from death I'm free I'll sing on, I'll sing on, And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, and when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be, And through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and through eternity I'll sing on!

## CALL TO CONFESSION

**\* PRAYER OF CONFESSION\***

Holy God who holds us together, we can remember moments when we have behaved like Peter— misunderstanding your radical hospitality, sticking to the rules, arguing what we do and don't deserve. We may also remember moments when we have behaved like Judas—the one who betrayed you, the one who failed to see the good right in front of him, the one who might have thought he wasn't worthy of your love. We have all made the same mistakes as your well-intentioned disciples, missing opportunities to learn from you or tell you how much we love you, but you forgive us still. You love us still and you wash our feet, again and again. Forgive us, O God, and wash not just our feet but our hands and our heads also. Amen.

**\* KYRIE (Instrumental)**

Lord, have mercy upon us; Christ, have mercy upon us; Lord, have mercy upon us.

**\* DECLARATION OF PARDON**

**\* HYMN OF RESPONSE (Instrumental)**

*Gloria Patri*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**SCRIPTURE**

John 13:1-17

**ANTHEM**

*Durufle M - Ubi caritas*

Maurice Durufle

**SERMON**

The Rev. Dee Dee Carson

## \* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We are each a tapestry of stories. We are our stories of fear and grief, as well as our stories of love and joy. We believe that God sees all of these interwoven truths and says to our fragile selves: *“Come in. Come in from the cold, come in from the rain, come in from wherever you are, and be here tonight.”* We believe that God then pours warm water into a basin to wash off the weariness of the day, the bruises of the past, and the doubt that clings to us. We believe that this act is an act of love. Similarly, we believe that God says to us: “Eat.” And God shares of God’s self, and it is food not only for our bodies, but for our souls. We believe that all this happens every time we close our eyes and imagine God, and every time we close our eyes and imagine God, we believe the parts of our tapestry that feel worn and frayed are held together. So today, we remember. Today we say thank you.

## SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

### Invitation

### Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise ...

*The minister leads the congregation in prayer, which concludes with The Lord’s Prayer.*

**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.**

### Giving of the Bread and the Cup

### Closing Prayer

**HYMN 101**

*When I Survey the Wonderous Cross*

HAMBURG

When I survey the wondrous cross On which the young Prince of Glory  
died, My richest gain I count but loss, And pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, Save in the death of Christ, my God;  
All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to His blood.

See, from His head, His hands, his feet, Sorrow and love flow mingled down;  
did e'er such love and sorrow meet, Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine, That were a present far to small;  
Love so amazing, so divine, Demands my soul, my life, my all.

**\* BENEDICTION**

**\* VOLUNTARY**

*Tallis Theme*

Setting by Martin and Geoffrey Shaw

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## OUR MISSION STATEMENT

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*Inspired by the grace and truth of Christ, we nurture one another's faith to do God's work in the world.*

The Session of First Presbyterian Church approved the above statement in and affirmed the following ten values to guide the leaders of our church as they prayerfully plan for our congregation's future.

### *Values that Reach UP*

Worship  
Preaching  
Music  
Prayer  
Bible Teaching

### *Values that Reach OUT*

Ministries that serve the community  
Congregational Care  
Financial Stewardship  
Early Childhood Christian Education  
Family

## PASTORS AND STAFF

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## SESSION

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