

April 6, 2023 ~ Maundy Thursday

Gathering Music ~ *“Just As I Am, Without One Plea”* (arr. Hayes) ~ Leigh Emmett

Welcome and Announcements ~ Pastor Nate Achterhof

Prelude ~ *“Abide With Me”* (arr. Ray)

Call to Worship ~ *responsive*

Leader: We gather together from different places and communities,

People: but we are brought together by the love of our great God.

Leader: Lord, as we gather together at the table, renew us with your love.

People: Remind us of your saving work and promises. Amen.

**you are invited to stand in body or in spirit*

**Hymn #286 ~ “Breathe on Me, Breath of God”*

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession ~ *in unison*

Lord, we come again to your table and to you seeking your forgiveness and mercy. We confess that though you welcome us into a loving relationship with you, we stray and seek things that do not satisfy. Forgive us, Jesus, we pray. Amen.

(A time of silent, personal prayer)

Assurance of Forgiveness

Responsive Chorus #625 ~ *“How Great Thou Art!”* (refrain)

Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee: How great thou art! How great thou art!

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Special Music ~ *“Night of Tears, Night of Grace”* (S. Aldredge) ~ Combined Choirs, under the direction of Mark Handford, Director of Music, St. Paul’s Presbyterian Church

Prayer for Illumination

Christian Scripture ~ John 3:3-17, 31-35

Message ~ *“This is What Love Looks Like”* ~ Pastor Kellie Whitlock

**Doxology#606 ~ “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” (traditional)*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow, Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Community at Prayer

We Gather Together at the Lord’s Table ~ all bread is gluten free

*Hymn #525 - "Let Us Break Bread Together"

*Benediction:

1. The Lord be with you as you go from this place
 2. Sheltering you in God's mighty arms,
 3. Filling you with bountiful love and care.
 4. And may the Spirit of the Lord lead and guide you as you journey through life.
- Amen.

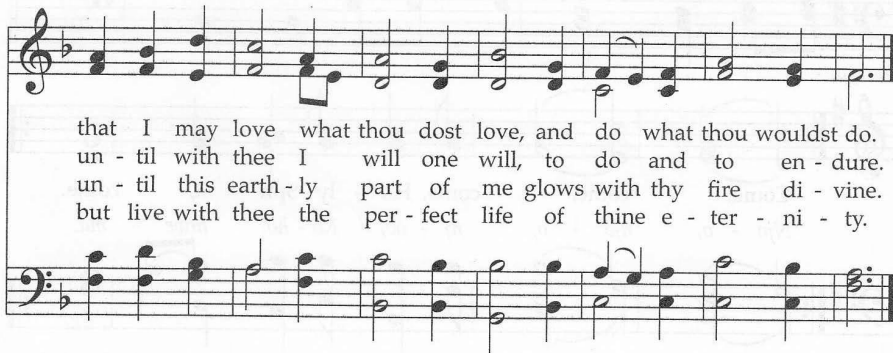
Postlude - "Amazing Grace" (arr. Hayes)

All are invited to the Good Friday Worship Service
Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church
7:00PM

Breathe on Me, Breath of God 286



1 Breathe on me, Breath of God; fill me with life a - new,
2 Breathe on me, Breath of God, un - til my heart is pure,
3 Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am whol - ly thine,
4 Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I nev - er die,



that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.
un - til with thee I will one will, to do and to en - dure.
un - til this earth - ly part of me glows with thy fire di - vine.
but live with thee the per - fect life of thine e - ter - ni - ty.

Let Us Break Bread Together 525

1 Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees; (on our knees)
 2 Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees; (on our knees)
 3 Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees; (on our knees)

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Refrain

When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing sun,

O Lord, have mer - cy on me. (on me)

This African American spiritual quite possibly reflects the circumstances of slaves attending early morning communion services in colonial Anglican churches, but its combination of hope ("rising sun") and supplication ("Lord, have mercy") speaks to many worshippers' experience.