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PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
A Caring Christian Fellowship Reaching Out in Response to God's Love

## *The Diaspora Gather in God's Name*

Welcome.  
We are glad  
you have chosen  
to gather and  
worship!

### **Prelude**

"Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross" Fanny Crosby, arr. Jason Krug  
"O Sacred Head, Now Wounded". Hans Hassler, arr. Jason Krug

(Handbell Ensemble: Lee Ann Armbruster, Robie Armbruster, Debi Boettiger, Elizabeth Ita, Sue Crosland)

*Jesus, keep me near the cross, there a precious fountain,  
Free to all, a healing stream flows from Calvary's mountain.*

*Near the cross I'll watch and wait, hoping, trusting ever,  
'Til I reach the golden strand just beyond the river.*

*In the cross, in the cross, be my glory ever;  
'Til my raptured soul shall find rest beyond the river.*

*O sacred head, now wounded, with grief and shame weighed down;  
Now scornfully surrounded with thorns, thine only crown;  
O sacred head, what glory, what bliss till now was thine!  
Yet, though despised and gory, I joy to call thee mine.*

*What language shall I borrow to thank thee, dearest friend,  
For this, thy dying sorrow, thy pity without end?  
O make me thine forever; and should I fainting be,  
Lord, let me never, never outlive my love to thee.*

## Invocation

**Tolling of the Bell** - Rung three times to symbolize our Triune God

## Call To Worship

Jesus said, "When I am lifted up, I will draw all people to myself."

**Blessed be the God of our salvation who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.**

**Amen.**

## Solo

*"Ah, Holy Jesus"*  
(Ashley Veraque)

Johann Crüger  
arr. Richard Walter

*Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended,  
That man to judge thee hath in hate pretended?  
By foes derided, by thine own rejected, O most afflicted!*

*Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon thee?  
Alas, my treason, Jesus, hath undone thee!  
'Twas I, Lord Jesus, I it was denied thee; I crucified thee.*

*For me, kind Jesus, was thy incarnation,  
Thy mortal sorrow, and thy life's oblation;  
Thy death of anguish, and thy bitter passion, for my salvation.*

*Therefore, kind Jesus, since I cannot pay thee,  
I do adore thee, and will ever pray thee,  
Think on thy pity and thy love unswerving, not my deserving.*

*We confess  
our sins as the  
people of God  
together, out  
loud, and to  
others  
because of the  
incredible  
power there is  
in putting our  
failures and  
faults in the  
light of God's  
love.*

## Prayer of Confession

**Holy God, you have called us to serve others as Christ has served us. We confess that we have not followed Christ's example as fully or as often as we should. We turn away from people in need. True humility eludes us, and we hide our own vulnerability before others. You have commanded us to love one another as you have loved us. We confess that we do not love so generously. Gathered on this Maundy Thursday, we confess that we have denied and betrayed you and one another, no less than the first disciples. Forgive us, merciful God, and cleanse us of all our sin; then guide our feet to walk with you always. This we offer in the name of Jesus, the Christ, as we share our private confessions...**

## Silent Prayer of Confession

## Words of Assurance

# *Hear God's Word*

**Scripture Reading**

John 13:31-38

**Sermon**

"The Question of Commitment"

**Sacrament of Communion**

## *We Give Thanks to God*

**Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer**

*A time to offer  
prayer for others  
and ourselves to  
God.*

**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.**

## *We Go in Christ's Name to Serve*

**Benediction**

*\*\*Congregation exits in silence\*\**