

Our Father who art in heaven.....

Music

Joshua Allen

Rev. Michele R. Goff

Jesus says: Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.
Let us offer our lives to the Lord.

Kelly Weaver

— Sending —

Joshua Allen

Rev. Michele R. Goff

Remember the words of the Lord Jesus: If any wish to be my disciples let them take up the cross and follow me. ***Amen.***

We Depart in Silence

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Serving God, Honoring Creation, Embracing Differences

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Bold italic letters indicate congregational responses.

A Service for the Lord

— Gathering —

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Jesus said: I give you a new commandment, that you love one another.

Just as Christ has loved us, let us love one another.

Beloved people of God:

This is the day when Christ, our Passover Lamb, surrendered himself to those who would kill him, setting us free from sin and death forever.

This is the day when Christ, our Teacher and Lord,
knelt down to wash the disciples' feet,
showing us how to love and serve one another.

This is the day when Christ, the bread of heaven,
shared a holy meal with his followers,
offering a feast of abundant life and grace for all. ***Amen***

Joshua Allen

Liturgist, Kelly Weaver

The proof of God's amazing love is this:
while we were sinners Christ died for us.
Because we have faith in him, we dare to approach God with confidence.
In faith and penitence let us confess our sin before God and one another.

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.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Rev. Michele R. Goff

May the God of mercy, who forgives you all your sins, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

— Word —

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Kelly Weaver

SCRIPTURE

O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise.
Our Old Testament scripture is from the book of Exodus chapter 12, verses 1 through 4, and 11 through 14.
This is the word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*
Our next reading is Psalm 116, verses 1 and 2, and verses 12 through 19.
This is the word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*
Our epistle reading is from the first letter to the Corinthians chapter, verses 23 through 26.
This is the word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

GOSPEL

Rev. Michele R. Goff

Our gospel reading is from the gospel according to John chapter 13, verses 1 through 17, and 31 through 35. Hear the word of God for us,
Go and tell everyone what you have seen and heard. *Thanks be to God.*

SERMON

Rev. Michele R. Goff

ASCRPTION OF PRAISE

In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ we bend our knees and lift up our hearts, giving glory to God forever. *Amen.*

— Response —

MUSIC

Joshua Allen

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Rev. Michele R. Goff

Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.31
To be reconciled to God is to be sent into the world as God’s reconciling community.
This community, the church universal, is entrusted with God’s message of reconciliation and shares God’s labor of healing the enmities which separate people from God and from each other.
Christ has called the church to this mission and given it the gift of the Holy Spirit. The church maintains continuity with the apostles and with Israel by faithful obedience to his call.

FOOTWASHING

We wash one another’s feet, as a sign of Christ’s love and care for us and of the humble service to which we are called as Christ’s disciples.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Kelly Weaver

Out of the ashes, up from the dust we bring our prayers to God.
Loving God, you cause rain to fall on the just and the unjust.
Hear our prayers for your church and world:
for the hungry and the overfed,
may we have enough;
for the mourners and the mockers,
may we laugh together;
for the victims and the oppressors,
may we share power wisely;
for the peacemakers and the warmongers,
may clear truth and stern love lead us to harmony;
for the silenced and the propagandists,
may we speak our own words in truth;
for the unemployed and the overworked,
may our mark on this earth be kindly and creative;
for the troubled and the secure,
may we live together as wounded healers;
for the homeless and the pampered,
may our homes be simple, warm, and welcoming;
for the vibrant and the dying,
may we all die to sin and live to love. Amen.