

The Lord's Prayer (*using "sins" & "those who sin against us"*)

**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 sins as we forgive those who sin against us; lead us, not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Words of Institution

Communion (*Please come forward, wash your hands, they will be dried and then receive a piece of bread and dip into the cup.*)

Prayer after Communion

### **Sending**

\* Hymn, No. 171                      *What Wondrous Love Is This*                      WONDROUS LOVE

\* The Stripping of the Church

\* Dismissal with Blessing

Go out into the world to love as Jesus loved. May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you this night and forevermore.

**Amen.**

*\* Congregation will please stand*

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## **BRENTHAVEN CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

*A welcoming community of Christian disciples seeking to love and serve God and neighbor*

March 28, 2024    †    7:00 pm



This world we live in has far too few examples of what love looks like: especially across our differences. Indeed, it matters more than ever that we are given the chance to let the world know who we are in this way: As We Have Love For One Another. This more than anything else will bear witness to who we are. Because of who Jesus was and who Jesus is for us still.                      — *Janet H. Hunt*

### **Gathering**

Welcome

Call to Worship

Come, you with dirty feet, aching backs, and weary souls.

**We come bearing a heavy load of worry, frustration, and isolation.**

Come, you who are hungry, thirsty, longing to meet the one who will feed you, body and soul.

**We come with emptiness in our stomachs and our hearts, desperate to be filled.**

Come to meet Jesus who kneels to wash our dirt and grime, who feeds us with bread and with love that never ends.

**We come to receive the balm for our anxiety, the provision for our hunger, the antidote for our loneliness.**

Come to receive a new commandment: love one another as Christ has loved you.

**We come to embrace this new commandment so that everyone will know we are disciples of Jesus Christ, God Incarnate who came to live and love among us. Amen.**

Introit *Break Thou the Bread of Life* arr. by Albin Whitworth

Time of Quiet Reflection

Prayer of the Day

**God, you came to be a servant among us. You taught us how to love you by serving one another with humility and tenderness. We earnestly pray that you will wash us clean so we may share your salvation story. We pray to be known as your disciples, not by reputation or stature, but by our love for one another. You call us to follow you. May our works grow from your love, that we may truthfully sing, “They will know we are Christians by our love.” Amen.**

\* Hymn, No. 394 *Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts* QUEBEC

Confession

Christ shows his self-giving love by washing his disciples’ feet. Surely we do not live up to Christ’s example. We confess now our sin and our need of a Savior.

Merciful God, we have not loved you with all our heart and mind and strength and soul. *Silence*

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

We have not loved our neighbors as you have taught us. *Silence*

Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

We are indifferent to the saving grace of your Word and life. *Silence*

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Forgive and heal us by your steadfast love made known to us in the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

Beloved of God, hear this good news: even in our sin, Christ went to conquer death on our behalf and Christ redeems us still.

**Even now, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!**

## Proclaiming

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading *Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14* (pg. 57, Pew Bible)

Second Reading *1 Corinthians 11:23-26* (pg. 1045, Pew Bible)

Special Music *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* arr. by Dave Colburn

Gospel *John 13:1-17, 31b-35* (pg. 981, Pew Bible)

Sermon Rev. Kip J. Rush

\* Hymn, No. 461 *Let Us Break Bread Together* BREAK BREAD

## Responding

Invitation to the Lord’s Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

**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.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son, Jesus Christ... as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

As Christ, Divine Love poured out for us, came to show us how to love one another, . . . Through your Son, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, who taught us to pray, saying: