

Maundy Thursday Service

Fellowship Hall

March 29, 2018

7:30 P.M.

Betrayal and Grace

John 17:1-5

**Hymn*

"In Christ Alone" Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

Premeditated Betrayal

Luke 22:1-6

Prayer of Confession: Surely Not I!

~ Rev. Teri Peterson, Presbyterian Church of Palatine

Leader:

Surely not I, Lord? Surely not us? Surely not. . .

People:

For the times when we protest too much...

For the times we point fingers to cover up our own wrong...

For the times we think of ourselves more highly than we ought...

Forgive us.

**For the times we have betrayed you with our words—
speaking thoughtlessly, hurting someone to get a laugh,
denying that your call extends to the parts of our lives
we would rather keep to ourselves...**

Forgive us.

Leader:

For the times we have betrayed you with our actions— . . .

People:

**For the times we have betrayed you with our hearts—
putting you far down our priority lists,
loving our ideas about you more than we love you,
longing for our way to be the one you choose...**

Forgive us.

Leader:

For the times we have lived contrary to our baptism, . . .

People:

**Surely not I, Lord? You have said so. The truth rings in our ears...
and it hurts, O God, to admit it: it is us.**

**We follow other gods, we are a poor reflection of your glory,
we use our wealth, status, and power in ways contrary to your will,
we imprison you in our understanding of your word,
we refuse to create justice or to love mercy,
and walking humbly with you would mean letting go of our way.
The truth hurts us, Lord, even as we hear you say: you have said so.**

ALL:

And yet we believe— we believe that you have the power
to transform us and through us to transform the world.

We believe that your grace is enough.

We believe that we have received more love than we can imagine.

We believe that you are the Way, the Life, and the Truth—
the truth that sets us free. Amen.

The Mandate: Betrayal's Antedote

John 13: 1-17

Living the Mandate

*"Do you understand what I have done for you?" be asked them. ¹³ "You call me
'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and rightly so, for that is what I am. ¹⁴ Now that I, your Lord and
Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. ¹⁵ I have set you an
example that you should do as I have done for you. ¹⁶ Very truly I tell you, no servant is
greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. ¹⁷ Now that
you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them.*

The Supper: Betrayal's demise: Broken and poured out for you

Mark 14: 22-25

Words of Institution and Prayer of Thanksgiving

Service of the Bread and Cup around the Lord's Table

(when you are invited by the usher to come forward, come and take your place
at the table. Prepare yourself to receive the body and cup of Christ.)

Prayer after Communion

"Communion Hymn"

Keith and Kristyn Getty and Stuart Townend

The blood that cleanses every stain of sin, Shed for you, drink and remember.

He drained death's cup that all might enter in to receive the life of God.

So we've shared in the bread of life, and we drank of his sacrifice,
as a sign of our bonds of grace . . . around the Table of the King!

Betrayal of Trust

John 13: 21, 25-30, 33-35

Hymn (v.1)

"Keep you Here"

Stuart Townend

I'd like to stop the world from turning, I'd like to pause it with my prayer;
I'd like to turn the clocks to zero, do all I can to keep you here;
silence the marching of the seconds, that sound relentless in my ears.

For time is given and time is taken away;
the least that we can do is make the most of every day
and we are given and we are taken away;
the best that we can do is give ourselves away.

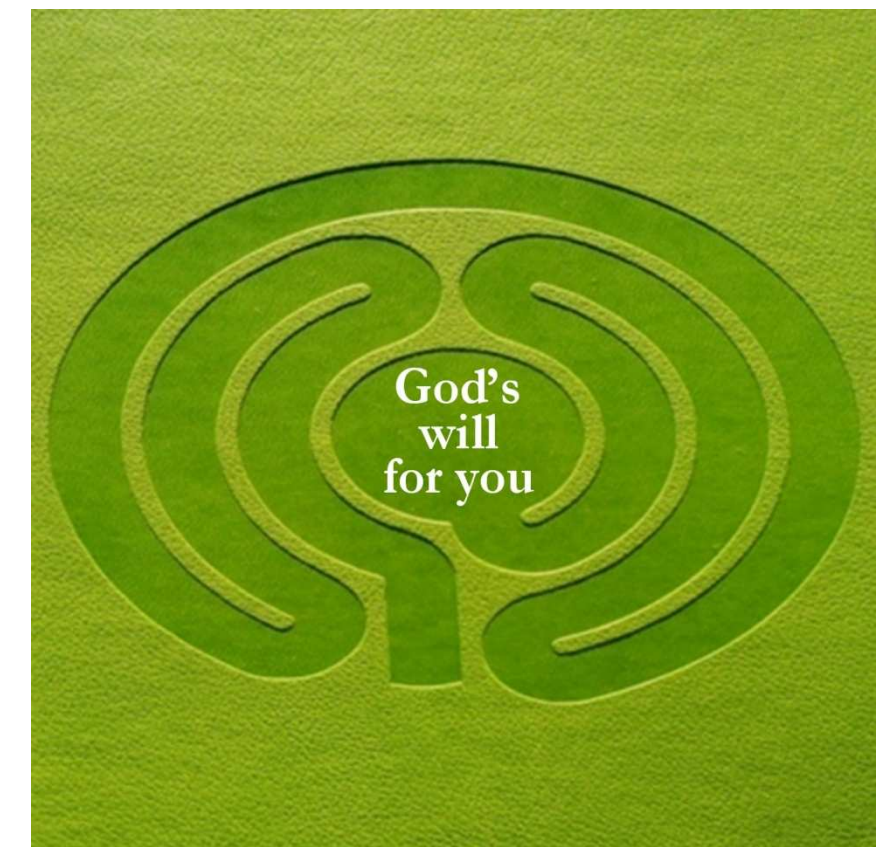
Betrayal of Neglect

Matthew 26: 36-40

"Gethsemane"

Stuart Townend

(As you listen to the song "Gethsemane", please meditate on the love and
trust that Jesus had for the Father. You may like to use the finger labyrinth
below to trace the faithfulness of Christ's conversation with the Father, from
the outside to the center of God's will and then his faithful actions, out of the
garden, toward his death on the cross. How can your life echo Christ's life of
faith, love and trust in the Father, no matter what you meet?)



Arresting Betrayal

Matthew 26: 45-50

Hymn (v. 2)

"Keep you here"

Stuart Townend

What good is time is you don't use it to find the path within the pain?
Whoever keeps his life will lose it, whoever gives their life will gain.
Not just a moment but forever: this love is stronger than the grave.

For time is given and time is taken away;
the least that we can do is make the most of every day
and we are given and we are taken away;
the best that we can do is give ourselves away. *(two times)*

Predicted Betrayal

Matthew 26: 69-75

The Courtyard Scene by Ann Weems

Over and Over again we sit in our courtyards,
our mouths speak what our hearts are full of...

WE DO NOT KNOW HIM. DONOTDONOTDONOTDONOT
KNOWHIMKNOWHIMLKNOWHIMKNOWHIM

echoes loudly, emphatically, filling time and space, heaven and earth;
and yet

the saddest part is when the cock crows

we don't have the ears to hear TOHEARTOHEARTOHEAR.

At least Peter had the ears to hear and the heart to weep.

Hymn

"How Deep the Father's Love for us"

Stuart Townend

How deep the Father's love for us,
How vast beyond all measure,
That He should give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss –
The Father turns His face away,
As wounds which mar the Chosen One
Bring many sons to glory.

Behold the man upon a cross,
My sin upon His shoulders;
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there

Until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life –
I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything,
No gifts, no power, no wisdom;
But I will boast in Jesus Christ,
His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward?
I cannot give an answer;
But this I know with all my heart –
His wounds have paid my ransom.

Charge and Benediction

John 17: 25-26

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*An asterisk indicates that all who are able may stand.

Good Friday ~ March 30, 2018

Service at 7:00 PM in the Church Sanctuary

Easter Sunday ~ April 1, 2018

Sunrise Service at 7:09 AM in the Church Cemetery
(Please bring something to sit on and flowers for the cross.)

Breakfast following the Sunrise Service
in the Church Fellowship Hall

The Celebration of the Resurrection
with Communion at the 9:55 AM Worship Service

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Welcome to Bethpage Presbyterian Church!

March 29, 2018

***"A family of faith
yesterday, today, and tomorrow."***

We are excited that you have joined us in worshipping God today. If you are a visitor, please pick up a church information brochure, found in the pew holders. Whether you are just visiting, looking to stay or have worshipped here your whole life, it is great to worship the Lord together this day!