

CARLISLE FIRST CHURCH OF GOD

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The Announcements and Words of Welcome

The Prelude: Jesus Our Lord Is Crucified
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*The Call To Worship Psalm 89:1-5

I will sing of the Lord's great love forever; with my mouth I will make your faithfulness known through all generations. I will declare that your love stands firm forever, that you established your faithfulness in heaven itself. You said, "I have made a covenant with my chosen one, I have sworn to David my servant, 'I will establish your line forever and make your throne firm through all generations.'" The heavens praise your wonders, O Lord, your faithfulness too, in the assembly of the holy ones.

*The Invocation

*The Hymn: I Will Sing of My Redeemer #309

The Scripture Lesson: Acts 13:23-41

The Message: Your Holy One Will Not See Decay

The Ordinance of Footwashing

The Scripture Reading: John 13:1-17

The Hymn: Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed #306

(Those participating in the ordinance of Footwashing are asked to go to the prepared locations during the last verse of the hymn. Those who decide not to participate are asked to remain seated in prayer and/or meditate on scripture following the hymn.)

The Adult Choir: Let Us Break Bread Together

The Ordinance of The Lord's Supper

(In the Churches of God we observe open communion. All who confess Jesus Christ as their Savior and Lord are invited to participate in the Ordinance.)

The Invitation: My brothers and sisters, we come to this table, not as examples of perfection but as witnesses of grace. We come in remembrance of the self-giving love of our Lord Jesus Christ. Let us remember that we are a part of His great Family, the Church of God. Let us remember that His blood was shed for all, and in His name invite every one who strives to follow Him to join in this memorial of the broken body and shed blood of Christ.

The Blessing of the Bread

"Take eat; this is my body which is broken for you: This do in remembrance of me."

The Blessing of the Cup

"This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this as often as your drink it, in remembrance of me."

The Closing Hymn: Near the Cross #319

*The Benediction

*The Postlude

Please join us for Easter Sunday services which will be combined and begin at 9:00 AM. There will be no Sunday School.



²⁶ As the soldiers led him away, they seized Simon from Cyrene, who was on his way in from the country, and put the cross on him and made him carry it behind Jesus. ²⁷ A large number of people followed him, including women who mourned and wailed for him. ²⁸ Jesus turned and said to them, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me; weep for yourselves and for your children. ²⁹ For the time will come when you will say, 'Blessed are the childless women, the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed!'" ³⁰ Then "they will say to the mountains, 'Fall on us!'" and to the hills, "Cover us!" ³¹ For if people do these things when the tree is green, what will happen when it is dry?"

³² Two other men, both criminals, were also led out with him to be executed. ³³ When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified him there, along with the criminals—one on his right, the other on his left. ³⁴ Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." And they divided up his clothes by casting lots. ³⁵ The people stood watching, and the rulers even sneered at him. They said, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is God's Messiah, the Chosen One." ³⁶ The soldiers also came up and mocked him. They offered him wine vinegar ³⁷ and said, "If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself." ³⁸ There was a written notice above him, which read: THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS. ³⁹ One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: "Aren't you the Messiah? Save yourself and us!"

⁴⁰ But the other criminal rebuked him. "Don't you fear God," he said, "since you are under the same sentence? ⁴¹ We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong." ⁴² Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." ⁴³ Jesus answered him, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise."

The Death of Jesus

⁴⁴ It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, ⁴⁵ for the sun stopped shining. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. ⁴⁶ Jesus called out with a loud voice, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit." When he had said this, he breathed his last. ⁴⁷ The centurion, seeing what had happened, praised God and said, "Surely this was a righteous man." ⁴⁸ When all the people who had gathered to witness this sight saw what took place, they beat their breasts and went away. ⁴⁹ But all those who knew him, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.

The Burial of Jesus

⁵⁰ Now there was a man named Joseph, a member of the Council, a good and upright man, ⁵¹ who had not consented to their decision and action. He came from the Judean town of Arimathea, and he himself was waiting for the kingdom of God. ⁵² Going to Pilate, he asked for Jesus' body. ⁵³ Then he took it down, wrapped it in linen cloth and placed it in a tomb cut in the rock, one in which no one had yet been laid. ⁵⁴ It was Preparation Day, and the Sabbath was about to begin. ⁵⁵ The women who had come with Jesus from Galilee followed Joseph and saw the tomb and how his body was laid in it. ⁵⁶ Then they went home and prepared spices and perfumes. But they rested on the Sabbath in obedience to the commandment.



Acts 13:23-41

23 "From this man's descendants God has brought to Israel the Savior Jesus,

as he promised. 24 Before the coming of Jesus, John preached repentance and baptism to all the people of Israel.

25 As John was completing his work, he said: 'Who do you think I am? I am not that one. No, but he is coming after me, whose sandals I am not worthy to untie.'

26 "Brothers, children of Abraham, and you God-fearing Gentiles, it is to us that this message of salvation has been sent.

27 The people of Jerusalem and their rulers did not recognize Jesus, yet in condemning him they fulfilled the words of the prophets that are read every Sabbath.

28 Though they found no proper ground for a death sentence, they asked Pilate to have him executed.

29 When they had carried out all that was written about him, they took him down from the tree and laid him in a tomb.

30 But God raised him from the dead,

31 and for many days he was seen by those who had traveled with him from Galilee to Jerusalem. They are now his witnesses to our people.

32 "We tell you the good news: What God promised our fathers

33 he has fulfilled for us, their children, by raising up Jesus. As it is written in the second Psalm: " 'You are my Son; today I have become your Father.' "

34 The fact that God raised him from the dead, never to decay, is stated in these words: " 'I will give you the holy and sure blessings promised to David.' "

35 So it is stated elsewhere: " 'You will not let your Holy One see decay.' "

36 "For when David had served God's purpose in his own generation, he fell asleep; he was buried with his fathers and his body decayed.

37 But the one whom God raised from the dead did not see decay.

38 "Therefore, my brothers, I want you to know that through Jesus the forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you.

39 Through him everyone who believes is justified from everything you could not be justified from by the law of Moses.

40 Take care that what the prophets have said does not happen to you:

41 " 'Look, you scoffers, wonder and perish, for I am going to do something in your days that you would never believe, even if someone told you.' "

The Reading: John 13:1-17

1 It was just before the Passover Festival. Jesus knew that the hour had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. 2 The evening meal was in progress, and the devil had already prompted Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot, to betray Jesus. 3 Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God; 4 so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. 5 After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him. 6 He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" 7 Jesus replied, "You do not realize now what I am doing, but later you will understand." 8 "No," said Peter, "you shall never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no part with me." 9 "Then, Lord," Simon Peter replied, "not just my feet but my hands and my head as well!" 10 Jesus answered, "Those who have had a bath need only to wash their feet; their whole body is clean. And you are clean, though not every one of you." 11 For he knew who was going to betray him, and that was why he said not every one was clean. 12 When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. "Do you understand what I have done for you?" he 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.



Looking Ahead:

March 28 - 6:30 PM Communion
Maundy Thursday

March 31 - Easter Sunday
Combined Worship Service 9:00 AM
No Sunday School

April 1 - 7:00 PM Council Meeting

April 2— 4F Group 9:30-10:45 AM
6:00 PM Edge

April 3 - Family Night Programming
Awana Program 6:30 PM - Taco Night-Wear Bright
Adult Bible Study 6:30 pm Colors
Adult Choir 7:30 PM

April 7 - Morning Worship

April 8 –6:00 PM Sunday School Board Meeting

April 9— 4F Group 9:30-10:45 AM
JOT - 1:00 PM
6:00 PM Edge

April 10 –Family Night Programming

April 14 - Morning Worship

April 16- 4F Group 9:30-10:45 AM
JOT - 1:00 PM
6:00 PM Edge

April 17 –Family Night Programming

April 21 - Morning Worship

April 24 –Family Night Programming

April 28 – Morning Worship

Come join us