

MAUNDY THURSDAY
A SERVICE OF COMMUNION AND TENEBRAE

April 1, 2021

PRELUDE *Be Still My Soul*, by Jean Sibelius, arr. Chris Rice - Edie Rice, Piano

CALL TO WORSHIP

Debbie Lyon

Come, friends, gather on this Maundy Thursday.

We join to praise God.

What makes this night different from any other night?

A meal, a towel and a command, a garden, and an arrest.

A meal?

We share together Holy Communion, a sign of love even for those who betray and deny.

A towel and a command?

We remember Jesus washing the disciples feet and his command for us to love others even as we are loved by God.

A garden?

We walk with Jesus through his time of anguish and prayer in the Garden of Gethsemane, a time to wrestle until we can accept God's will.

An arrest?

We acknowledge that there are difficult and terrible things that happen in life. We reflect on times where the good is overcome and the "faithful" flee into the night.

What makes this night different from any other?

We see what is worst in us and the love that holds us anyway, the love that calls out our best. May the mystery of that love renew us, this night and always.

*HYMN # 257

What Wondrous Love is This

**What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,
what wondrous love is this, O my soul!**

**What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul!**

**When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,
when I was sinking down, sinking down;**

**when I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown,
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul, for my soul,
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul!**

**To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing,
to God and to the Lamb I will sing!**

**To God and to the Lamb, who is the great "I AM,"
while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,
while millions join the theme, I will sing!**

**And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on!**

**And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be,
and through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
and through eternity I'll sing on!**

*INVOCATION

Lord of every pilgrim heart, may I journey with You today remembering those who plotted against You; who betrayed You; who shared the Passover with You; who argued with You about who came first with God; who denied You; who prayed with You; who left You alone; who arrested You; who denied You again; who beat You and mocked You – that my own life may again be propelled to a deeper understanding of the One who holds us all, through Your surprising Spirit, alive in our midst. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

LENTEN RESPONSE

The Cross

The cross,

We will take it.

The bread,

We will break it.

The pain,

We will bear it.

The joy,

We will share it.

The Gospel,

We will live it.

The love,
We will give it.
The light,
We will cherish it.
The darkness,
God shall perish it.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Invitation to the Table & Sharing of the Bread and the Cup

CALL OF THE DISCIPLES

Rev. Dawn Garrett-Larsen

THE EXTINGUISHING OF THE LIGHT

*HYMN # 284

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

**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 thou, my Lord, hast suffered
was all for sinners' gain;
mine, mine was the transgression,
but thine the deadly pain.
Lo, here I fall, my Savior!
'Tis I deserve thy place;
look on me with thy favor,
and grant to me thy grace.**

**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.**

SHADOW OF THE BETRAYAL

Matthew 26:20-25

Reader: Don Raw, Jr.

SHADOW OF THE DESERTION

Matthew 26:31-35

Reader: Marty Daniels

ANTHEM

Christ is the World's Light

AGONY OF THE SOUL

Luke 22:39-44

Reader: Jim DeMay

UNSHARED VIGIL

Mark 14:32-41

Reader: Barb Kutner

ANTHEM

Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley

'FATHER, THE HOUR IS COME'

John 17:1-6

Reader: Dan Rice

'THAT THEY MAY BE ONE'

John 17:15-22

Reader: Laurie Stoutz

ANTHEM

When I Survey The Wondrous Cross

ARREST AT THE GATE

John 18:1-5

Reader: Jay Garrett-Larsen

SHADOW OF THE CROSS

Mark 15:16-20

Reader: Heidi Schwarz

ANTHEM

Were You There?

DARKNESS AND SHROUDING THE CROSS

THE WORD WAS GOD

John 1: 1-5

Reader: Rev. Dawn Garrett-Larsen

LORD'S PRAYER

DEPART IN SILENCE – **There will be no benediction, signifying that worship is incomplete until Easter morning. As the lights return, please leave the sanctuary in silence**

TENEBRAE SERVICE

Tenebrae is the Latin term for Shadows. This is an ancient service of lessons recounting Jesus' Last Supper, betrayal, arrest, trials and death. Tonight's readings are accompanied by the gradual extinguishing of lights. Thank you to all our readers this Maundy Thursday.

THE VIGIL OF MAUNDY THURSDAY

The name Maundy Thursday is of Latin origin. "Maundy" is derived from the Latin "mandatus," or "commandment." From it we also get our word "mandate." It refers to the time in the upper room when Jesus gave the disciples a "new commandment": "Love one another, as I have loved you."

In the darkness, may we find the light of Christ, and may we each strive to love one another as Christ has loved us.

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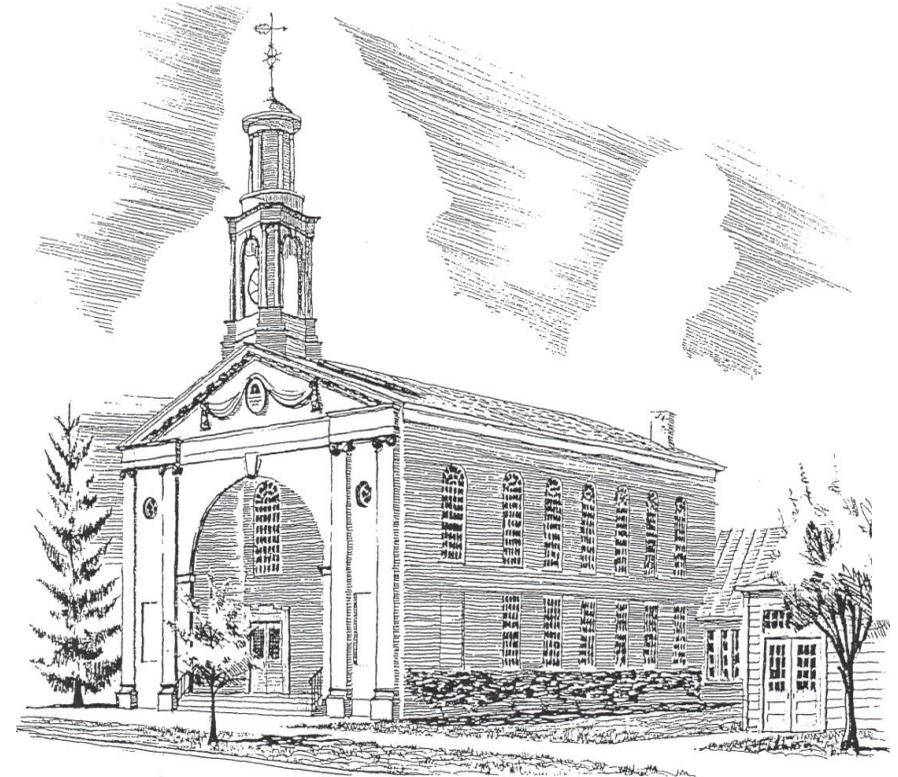
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Piano: Edie Rice

Hymn Leader: Janet Tenrerio

Non-speaking disciples: Debbie Lyon, Edie Rice, Jesse Garrett-Larsen, Karen DeMay

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH



***Maundy Thursday Service
Thursday, April 1, 2021***