



Maundy Thursday

April 14, 2022

7:00 P.M.

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

GATHERING AND GREETING

CALL TO WORSHIP

This is a night to remember.

We remember the Passover meal Jesus shared with his disciples.

We remember his new covenant of broken bread and shared cup.

We remember his night alone in the garden in prayer.

We remember his arrest, his trial, his suffering, his friend's denial.

We remember this night and we thank God for Jesus' presence with us:

He was with us then and He is with us even now.

Opening Hymn: "What Wondrous Love is This" (v 1)

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 heavy curse for my soul, for my soul;
to bear the heavy curse for my soul!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, we see ourselves in the stories of this day. Like the disciples, we are undisciplined in prayer and unable to stay mindful of Your Presence. We, too, react with violence rather than in peace. We need You now more than ever. We are reminded of this sacred night so as to remember the cost of discipleship. Save us from ourselves, we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

The LORD your God declares: "I will remember your sins no more. I will put my laws in your hearts and write them on your minds. Your consciences will be cleansed and your bodies washed with living water. Hold fast to hope without wavering. The LORD your God is faithful for ever more."

PASTORAL MEDITATION AND PRAYER

PRAYER OF OUR SAVIOR (debts)

Our Father, which 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 debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

THE LAST SUPPER

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Gospel of John (selected verses)

WORDS OF INVITATION and PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

COMMUNION MEAL

As we celebrate Communion today, you will first be invited to take your morsel of bread/ or wafer – which you will HOLD. If you are with your family, please serve one another. Once everyone is ready we will ALL take the bread together. This symbolizes that we are ONE BODY and that we are all one in the Spirit of Christ.

You will then be invited to drink the cup of love which symbolizes the cup of wine that Jesus shared with his friends, saying "This is the cup of love given for you." You are invited to prayerfully drink from the cup at your own pace, in your own time. This demonstrates that we are each individuals in God's Presence - each one doing the best that he/she/they can to be the hands and feet of Christ on this earth.

Singing - Taizé: "Stay With Me"

Stay with me, Remain here with me; Watch and pray, Watch and pray (repeat)

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (in unison)

We thank You, O Christ, for this table of mercy. We thank You, dear Messiah, for this bread of life. We thank You, suffering servant, for this cup of salvation and for the example You give us to be servants as well. Amen.

THE OFFICE OF TENEBRAE - A SERVICE OF SHADOWS

The service of Tenebrae, meaning “darkness” or “shadows,” has been practiced by the church since medieval times. Tenebrae is a prolonged meditation on Christ’s suffering. After each reading, there will be a moment of silence followed by the extinction of a candle. There comes a point in the service when you will hear a loud pounding noise. This symbolizes the sound of Jesus being nailed to the cross. When the service is over you are asked to rest quietly a moment before returning to your present circumstance.

The Betrayal and Arrest of Jesus

Reader: Nancy Murdock

John 18:1-11

Jesus Before the High Priest

Reader: Cyndi Gray

John 18:12-14

Peter Denies Jesus

Reader: Cyndi Gray

John 18:15-18

The High Priest Questions Jesus

Reader: Ken Williams

John 18:19-24

Peter Denies Jesus Again

Reader: Ken Williams

John 18:25-27

Jesus Comes Before Pilate

Reader: Katie Cobban

John 18:28-40

Crown of Thorns and Purple Robe

Reader: Rachel Cobban

John 19:1-7

Jesus is Sentenced to Death

Reader: Fred Merrill

John 19:8-16a

The Crucifixion of Jesus

John 19:16b-30

(You will hear pounding - the sound of Jesus being nailed to the cross.)

Reader: Cathy Zylinski

Jesus' Side Is Pierced

John 19:31-37

Reader: Beth Hunter

The Burial of Jesus

John 19:38-42

Reader: Pastor Deborah

Singing: *"Were You There When They Crucified My Lord?"*

The Christ candle leaves the room.

Total Darkness... Silence...

Worship Leaders:

Senior Pastor and Teacher: The Rev. Dr. Deborah Roof

Song Leader: Katie Cobban

Gratitude to Diane Breeden for her gift of Visual Worship Arts.

Gratitude to Paul Lindemann and Mike Schroeder for video and sound production.

Thank you to our Readers for the Service of Shadows:

1 Nancy Murdock

4 Katie Cobban

7 Cathy Zylinski

2 Cyndi Gray

5 Rachel Cobban

8 Beth Hunter

3 Ken Williams

6 Fred Merrill

9 Pastor Deborah

Other Worship Opportunities This Weekend:

Good Friday – Walking with the Cross of Christ:

Meet at Church of the Transfiguration at 1:45. We walk to St Luke's, then to First Baptist, then to St Thomas. ALL OUTDOORS.

Easter Sunday 5:45 a.m. Broadview Farms (weather permitting)

Easter Sunday 10:00 a.m. In person, as well as FaceBook Live or Zoom

Have a safe Easter weekend!