



The Original Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
Thursday, April 6th, 2022, 7:30pm
Maundy Thursday, Last Supper & Tenebrae

Order of Worship

PRELUDE **“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”** J. G. Walther

OPENING SENTENCES *from Psalm 116*

***GREETING**

Leader: Grace and peace to you in the name of the one who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty!

People: And also with you.

WORDS OF WELCOME

HYMN No. 202 *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

PRAYER

Leader: Let us pray.

All: Almighty and Everlasting God, your beloved child, on the night before he entered into the Passion, shared in the Last Supper with the disciples. In your mercy, grant that we may receive the holy gifts thankfully and in remembrance of Jesus Christ our Lord. In these sacred mysteries is your promise of eternal life. We pray in the name of the One who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

THE GOSPELS John 13:34-35 “A New Commandment”

ANTHEM **“Love One Another”** Feargal King

SERMON “To Love One Another”

HYMN No. 319 *Bread of the World, in Mercy Broken

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

All are welcome to receive. We use juice. And we have a gluten free option.

CALL TO COMMUNION PRAYER

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to God.

Leader: Let us give thanks to God Most High.

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

***All who are able please stand**

COMMUNION PRAYER

SANCTUS *unison*

Holy, Holy, Holy, God of love and majesty, the whole universe speaks of your glory, O God Most High. Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the Highest!

BLESSING OF THE ELEMENTS

THE LORD'S PRAYER *as written or in your own way by the Spirit*

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

LAMB OF GOD

Leader: Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world:

People: Have mercy on us.

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Leader: Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world:

People: Grant us peace.

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER *unison*

Holy God, we are thankful to share the bread of heaven and to hold the cup of new life together. We bless you for handing us over from darkness to light, from death to new life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, we pray. Amen.

A SERVICE OF TENEBRAE *We light the 12 candles of the disciples.*

CHOIR ANTHEM **“And No Bird Sang”** Douglas Wagner

THE PASSION OF OUR LORD *A candle is extinguished following each reading.*

Matthew 26:30-35 “The Sheep Will Be Scattered”

Matthew 26:36-41 “Let This Cup Pass from Me”

Matthew 26:47-56 “Seize the One I Kiss”

HYMN No. 193 ***Go to Dark Gethsemane*** Vs. 1, 2

Matthew 26:57-61 “The Council Seeks False Testimony”

Matthew 26:62-68 “He Deserves Death”

Matthew 26:69-75 “I Do Not Know Him”

HYMN No. 189 ***Beneath the Cross of Jesus*** Vs. 1, 3

Matthew 27:1-23 “The Elders Persuade the Crowd”

Matthew 27:24-26 “Pilate Delivers Jesus to Be Crucified”

Matthew 27:27-31 “They Put on Him a Crown of Thorns”

HYMN No. 187 ***O Sacred Head, Now Wounded*** Vs. 2, 3

Matthew 27:32-37 “They Compel Simon to Carry His Cross”

Matthew 27:38-43 “He Was Derided and Reviled”

Matthew 27:45-54 “And Jesus Yields Up His Spirit”

EXTINGUISHING THE CHRIST CANDLE

*HYMN No. 200 ***Were You There?***

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

WE DEPART IN SILENCE



***And join us for worship through this Holy Week.
Good Friday, April 7, at noon “Meditation on the Seven Last Words”
Easter Sunrise, April 9, 6:00am, meet at the Fellowship Hall entrance
Easter Worship, April 9, 10:00am, in the Sanctuary***

A Note on Worship on Holy Thursday.

This day is referred to as Maundy Thursday, taken from the Latin word for commandment. From the Gospel of John, we recall the New Commandment that Jesus gives his disciples that they love one another. We recall the setting of the Last Supper as we bless, break, pour out and share in the remembrance of the Lord. And the Service of Tenebrae is from the Latin meaning shadows. In keeping with centuries old traditions, we read the Passion Story in 12 portions representing the 12 disciples, and through the extinguishing of the candles, participate in the darkness of the week. Thank you for participating in our service tonight.

May the God of new life watch over you.

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