



The Original Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
Wrentham, MA
March 28th, 2024, 7:30pm
Maundy Thursday

Order of Service

PRELUDE **“Where Charity and Love Prevail”**

Words: 9th century, translated by Omer Westendorf
Music: Paul Benoit

GATHERING WORDS

*HYMN No. 265

All Praise to Thee, My God

THE LORD’S PRAYER *all versions are welcomed in 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.

JESUS WASHES THE DISCIPLES FEET

Leader: Now at the Passover Feast, Jesus rose, took a towel and tied it around his waist. He poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples’ feet. Peter said:

People: Lord, you shall never wash my feet.

Leader: And Jesus said:

People: To be part of me, you must let me wash your feet.

Leader: And when Jesus had washed their feet, he said to them:

People: I have given you an example. As I, your Lord and Teacher have washed your feet, you also must serve one another.

POURING OF THE WATER

MUSIC No. 459 **Jesu, Jesu**

PRAYER

THE NEW COMMANDMENT

Leader: At table, Jesus was troubled in spirit and said:

People: Truly I say to you, one of you will betray me.

Leader: Peter leaned back toward Jesus and asked:

People: Lord who is it?

Leader: Then Judas took up the bread and Jesus said to him:

People: What you are to do, do quickly.

Leader: They thought Judas would go to give to the poor. Jesus said:

People: A new commandment I give to you. Love one another as I have loved you.

HYMN No. 202

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

THE LAST SUPPER

Leader: And on the first day of the Unleavened Bread, when they sacrificed the Passover Lamb, the disciples asked Jesus:

People: Where will you have us go and prepare the Passover Meal for you?

Leader: And he said, "Go into the city. A man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him. And he will show you a large upper room furnished and ready. When it was evening, he came with the twelve and while eating Jesus said, "Truly, I say to you, one of you will betray me, one who is eating with me." And one after another said to him:

People: Is it I Lord? Is it I?

HYMN No. 319

Bread of the World, in Mercy Broken

CONSECRATION

Leader: And as they were eating, he took bread, and after blessing it, broke it, and gave it to them saying, "Take; this is my body." And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them saying, "This my blood. It is a new covenant. It is poured out for many. Truly I say to you, I will not drink again of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in the kingdom of God." Dear God, we bless you and we thank you for inviting us to share at your Holy Table. Bless this bread that we break, bless this cup that we pour out, that we may be forever one with you in your Spirit.

People: Amen.

SHARING THE BREAD & CUP

MUSIC

THE PASSION

In the Garden

Leader: And they went out to Gethsemane, and Jesus said:

People: Sit here while I pray. My soul is full of sorrow. Watch.

Leader: Going a little farther Jesus fell to the ground and prayed:

People: Abba, for you all things are possible. Remove this cup from me. Yet not what I want but what you will.

Leader: Jesus returned to the disciples and said to them:

People: Are you still sleeping? Enough! The hour has come. The Human One is betrayed into the hands of sinners.

ANTHEM “O, Hear Me Father As I Pray” Michael Kravchuk

Jesus Handed Over

Leader: The Council handed Jesus over to Pilate who asked Jesus “Are you the King of the Jews?” And Jesus answered him:

People: You have said so.

Leader: Now at the feast a prisoner is to be released. Pilate asked, “Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?” But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to shout:

People: Release Barabbas!

Leader: Pilate asked, “What shall I do with the one you call King of the Jews?” And they cried out:

People: Crucify him.

Leader: And Pilate asked, “Why, what evil has he done?” But they shouted all the more:

People: Crucify him!

Leader: And the soldiers led Jesus out and placed a purple cloak upon him and a crown of thorns. They struck his head with a reed, spit on him and knelt before him saying:

People: Hail, hail! King of the Jews!

HYMN No. 187

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

Carried to the Cross

Leader: They led him out and compelled a passerby, Simon of Cyrene to carry his cross. And they brought him to the place called Golgotha. They offered him wine mixed with myrrh, but he did not take it. It was nine o'clock when they crucified him. And those who passed by derided him saying:

People: You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save yourself. Come down from the cross!

Leader: So also, the chief priests with the scribes mocked him saying:

People: He saved others. He cannot save himself. Let the Anointed One come down from the cross that we may see and believe.

HYMN No. 189

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

Christ on the Cross

Leader: It was noon when darkness came over the whole land. At three o'clock Jesus cried out:

People: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Leader: And some of the bystanders hearing it said:

People: Behold, he is calling Elijah.

Leader: Someone filled a sponge, put it on a reed and gave it to him saying:

People: Wait, let's see if Elijah will come to take him down.

Leader: Then Jesus gave up a loud cry and breathed his last. The curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. And when the centurion saw that he had breathed his last, said:

People: Truly this is the Child of God!

*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?

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