Maundy Thursday

Live Zoom Service

Thursday, April 1, 2021

Prelude/Gathering

Greeting

Call to Worship

Leader: The Lord be with you

All: And also with you

Leader: This sacred night brings us together to remember

All: to participate with Jesus and the disciples.

Leader: Together we will gather, pray, serve, feast, and stand watch,

All: Together, we too will leave Jesus alone, in the hands of the authorities who will demand his execution.

Leader: Together we will wait through the dark work of human hands, the dark day and night of loss, the dark hours before the dawn of the first morning.

All: Together we too will gather to bear witness to God's might acts in Jesus, we will share our faults, our grief, our love, and hope, with each other and our teacher, friend, brother, and redeemer, Jesus. So let us worship together.

Opening Hymn UMH #297 Beneath the Cross of Jesus (vs. 1 & 3)

1. Beneath the cross of Jesus I fain would take my stand, the shadow of a mighty rock within a weary land; a home within the wilderness, a rest upon the way, from the burning of the noontide heat, and the burden of the day.

3. I take, O cross, thy shadow for my abiding place; I ask no other sunshine than the sunshine of his face; content to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss, my sinful self my only shame, my glory all the cross.

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Movement 1, Fellowship

Matthew 26:19-25, 31-35 (NRSV)

Scripture

Reflection on Fellowship

6:30 p.m.

Pastor Beth

Prayers of the People

Hymn UMH 286

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded (vs. 1 & 3)

1. O sacred Head, now wounded, with grief and shame weighed down, now scornfully surrounded with thorns, thine only crown: how pale thou art with anguish, with sore abuse and scorn! How does that visage languish which once was bright as morn!

3. 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.

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Movement 2, Service

John 13:2-17 and 33-35 (NRSV)

Scripture

Reflection on Service

Water and Spirit

Hymn UMH #432

Jesu, Jesu (vs. 1 & 4)

Refrain: Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love, show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.

1 Kneels at the feet of his friends, silently washes their feet, Master who acts as a slave to them. (Refrain)

4 Loving puts us on our knees, serving as though we are slaves, this is the way we should live with you. (Refrain)

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Movement 3, Communion

Matthew 26:26-30 (NRSV)

Scripture

Reflection on Communion

Sharing Communion

Hymn UMH #616

Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast (vs.1, 3, 5)

1. Come, sinners, to the gospel feast, let every soul be Jesus' guest. Ye need not one be left behind, for God hath bid all humankind.

3. Come and partake the gospel feast, be saved from sin, in Jesus rest;

O taste the goodness of our God, and eat his flesh and drink his blood.

5. Ye who believe his record true shall sup with him and he with you; come to the feast, be saved from sin, for Jesus waits to take you in.

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Movement 4, Together alone

Matthew 26:36-56 (NRSV)

Silent Reflection – how shall we keep watch?

Stripping the Altar

Scripture

Closing Hymn UMH 298 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross (vs. 1 & 4)

1. When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of Glory died, my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.

4. Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were an offering far too small; love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

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Dismissal with blessing

The Great Silence

Readers

Michael Edwards. Don Finch, Tom Haslag, John Neve

Join us for the rest of Holy Week:

- Good Friday Online Service of Musical Reflection: available on our website any time on Friday, April 2
- Easter Sunday Drive-In Worship: 10:00 a.m. in our parking lot on Sunday, April 4