

Easter Services:

Good Friday, there will be soft music and scripture readings beginning at 7:30PM

6:00 AM in Miner Street Cemetery followed by breakfast.

10:00 AM Family Worship Services "Flowering Cross". Bring fresh flowers if you have them. Church will have some to share. Followed by an Egg Hunt for those 12 years and under.

Third Congregational Church



Maundy Thursday Worship March 29, 2024

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Prelude

Welcome

Introit "Rock of Ages"

Natalie Czesak

Responsive Call to Worship:

One: We are gathered to recall the night when Jesus was betrayed.
Are you ready to come to the feet of Christ,
whose Life was poured out for you?

All: By the grace of God, we are.

One: Can you watch while Jesus prays in the garden?

All: By the grace of God, we can.

One: Will you follow Jesus, even into the night of betrayal?

All: By the grace of God, we will.

One: Then let us praise God, even in the hours of darkness.

**All: God of all grace and steadfast love,
greatly is your name to be praised in all the earth!**

***Gathering Prayer:** On this dark day, as the shadows deepen, we come to be present with Jesus. With the glory of Palm Sunday behind us and the victory of Easter not yet come, we will sit together in this space with our breaking, our broken hearts. In this world that is at once beautiful and holy and tragic, we seek to be present with all who suffer. In the dark valleys of life, when sorrow threatens to overwhelm, we long for a safe and sacred space to sit with our grief and our questions. Jesus Christ, holy friend, we know that you are here with us. Let us be here with you. Amen.

Gospel Lesson

John 13:1-17, 31b-35

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For the Word of God in Scripture, for the Word of God among us, for the Word of God within us..... **Thanks be to God.**

Meditation

Rev. Dr. Daniel Schlorff

Solo

"Via Dolorosa"

Lina Vior

Holy Communion

Consecration

Invitation

Distribution

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Office of Tenebrae

THE BETRAYAL Luke 21:37-38; 22:1-6
First Candle Extinguished

Theresa Reeves

THE LAST SUPPER Luke 22:7-9; 14-22; 33-34
Second Candle Extinguished

Dolores Sutton

GETHSEMANE Luke 22:39-46
Third Candle Extinguished

Mary Ellen Moore

THE ARREST Luke 22:47-53
Fourth Candle Extinguished

Alex Gorecki

PETER'S DENIAL Luke 22:54-62
Fifth Candle Extinguished

Peggy Root

THE TRIAL Luke 22:66; 23:1-5; 13-25
Sixth Candle Extinguished

Lina Vior

THE CRUCIFIXION Luke 23:26-48
Seventh Candle Extinguished

Collin Kennedy

Silence is Kept

Solo

"Were You There?"

Susan Paul

All Leave in Silence