

MAUNDY THURSDAY



*First Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
Winter Park*

March 28, 2024

SILENT MEDITATION

"I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." John 13:34-35

"Maundy" is the English form of the Latin word meaning "commandment." Jesus' new commandment to "love one another" is the focus of Maundy Thursday. This love is demonstrated in Jesus' example of servanthood as he knelt down and washed his disciples' feet and in the gift of Jesus' offering of Self in the breaking of bread and the pouring of the cup in Holy Communion.

PRELUDE

"Ah, Holy Jesus"

Dale Wood

"Arioso"

J.S. Bach arr. Virgil Fox

INTROIT

"My Eternal King"

Marshall

* *HYMN*

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

vv. 1 and 2

No. 224

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Jesus said, I am the light of the world.

People: Anyone who follows me will not walk in darkness but will have the light of life.

Leader: If I say, "Let the darkness cover me, and the light around me turn to night," darkness is not dark to you, O God.

People: The night is as bright as the day; darkness and light to you are both alike.

Leader: God be with you.

People: And also, with your spirit.

Leader: Let us pray:

All: Gracious God, you give us the sun to illumine the day and the moon and stars to shine by night. Kindle in us the flame of your love that our lives may shed abroad the radiance of your light and the world may be full of the splendor of your glory, through Jesus the Christ, the Sun of Righteousness. Amen.

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

O gracious Light, pure brightness of the eternal Creator in heaven, O Jesus the Christ, holy and blessed! Now as we come to the setting of the sun, and our eyes behold your vesper light, we sing your praises, Holy God, One in Trinity. You are worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices, O Christ of God, O Giver of Life, and to be glorified through all the worlds.

ANTHEM

"O Come and Mourn"

Wood

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Leader: Sisters and brothers, we are called to be children of the day and not children of the night.

People: Let us approach the Living God that we may receive the gift of mercy and forgiveness freely given to each of us.

Leader: Let us pray:

All: Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image; through Jesus the Christ, the Light of the world. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: This is the message we have heard from Christ and proclaim to you: God is light.

All: If we walk in the light, as Christ is in the light, we have communion with one another, and Jesus' love releases us from all sin.

Readings and Extinguishing of Lights

<i>FIRST READING</i>	"The Shadow of Betrayal" Matthew 26:20-25	Rev. Shawn Garvey
<i>ANTHEM</i>	"Ave Verum Corpus" Mozart	Chancel Choir
<i>SECOND READING</i>	"The Shadow of Desertion" Matthew 26:31-35	
<i>ANTHEM</i>	"Beautiful Savior"	
*HYMN	"O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" vv. 1 and 2	No. 226
<i>THIRD READING</i>	"The Agony of the Soul" Luke 22:39-44	
<i>ANTHEM</i>	"Jesus, In Thy Thirst and Pain" Wood	
<i>FOURTH READING</i>	"The Unshared Vigil" Mark 14:32-41	
<i>ANTHEM</i>	"Adoramus Te" Dubois	
<i>FIFTH READING</i>	"Father, the hour is come" John 17:1-6	

ANTHEM

“Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring”
Schop

SIXTH READING

"That they may all be one"
John 17:15-22

ANTHEM

“Bound Upon the Accursed Tree”
Wood

SEVENTH READING

"The Arrest in the Garden"
John 18:1-5

ANTHEM

“Drop, Drop, Slow Tears”
Gibbons

EIGHTH READING

"The Shadow of the Cross"
Mark 15:16-20

ANTHEM

“Behold, the Lamb of God”
Wood

NINTH READING

"The Word was God"
John 1:1-4, 10, 12, 14; 3:19

"Were You There?"

Juliana Lind, soloist

DEPARTURE IN SILENCE

*** All who are able to do so comfortably, please stand.**

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