



Pilgrim Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
April 1, 2021 - Maundy Thursday
Communion and Tenebrae Service

Music streamed in tonight's service

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded-arr. Don Wyrzten
What Wondrous Love Is This? - NCH #223
Let Us Break Bread Together
Bread of the World - Pilgrim Hymnal #283
Into the Woods My Master Went
Were You There? - Elena Snow

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Greeting

Rev. Reebee Kavich Girash

Prelude

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

arr. Don Wyrzten

Call to Evening Worship

Sarah Jane Fuller and Rev. Girash

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

People: Anyone who follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have eternal light.

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.

1 What wondrous love is this, O my soul! O my soul!
 What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
 What wondrous love is this! that Christ should come in bliss
 to bear the heavy cross for my soul, for my soul,
 to bear the heavy cross for my soul!

1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul! O my soul! What
 2 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing, to
 3 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and

2 When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,
 when I was sinking down, sinking down,
 when I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown,
 Christ laid aside his crown for my soul, for my soul,
 Christ laid aside his crown for my soul.

won-drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is
 God and to the Lamb, I will sing; To God and to the
 when from death I'm free, I'll sing on! And when from death I'm

3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing,
 to God and to the Lamb I will sing,
 to God and to the Lamb who is the great I Am,
 while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,
 while millions join the theme, I will sing.

this! that Christ should come in bliss to bear the heav-y cross for my
 Lamb who is the great I Am, while mil-lions join the theme, I will
 free, I'll sing and joy-ful be, and through e-ter-ni-ty I'll sing

soul, for my soul, to bear the heav-y cross for my soul!
 sing, I will sing; while mil-lions join the theme, I will
 on, I'll sing on, and through e-ter-ni-ty I'll sing on!

Evening Collect

Leader: God be with you.

People: And also with you.

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 Christ, who shines in us. Amen.

Confession of Sin

Gracious God,

Our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo.

Forgive what our lips struggle to name, what our hearts can no longer bear.

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 Christ, the light of the world, Amen.

Prayer Response (#769 Black)

Hear our prayer, O Lord. Hear our prayer, O Lord.

Incline thine ear to us. And grant us thy peace.

Assurance of Pardon

Service of the Lord's Supper

Invitation

Words of Consecration with the Lord's Prayer

Communion Hymn Bread of the World - Pilgrim Hymnal #283

1 Bread of the world, in mercy broken, Wine of the soul,
In mercy shed, By whom the words of life were spoken,
And in whose death our sins are dead,

2 Look on the heart by sorrow broken, Look on the tears
by sinners shed, And be thy feast to us the token
That by thy grace our souls are fed. A-men.

Bread of the World, in Mercy Broken

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Second Tune

Reginald Heber, 1783-1826

EUCCHARISTIC HYMN 9.8.9.8.

J. S. B. Hodges, 1830-1915

1 Bread of the world, in mer - cy bro - ken, Wine of the
2 Look on the heart by sor - row bro - ken, Look on the

soul, in mer - cy shed, By whom the words of life were spo - ken,
tears by sin - ners shed, And be thy feast to us the to - ken

And in whose death our sins are dead,
That by thy grace our souls are fed. A - men.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Anthem

Into the Woods My Master Went

Service of Tenebrae--Extinguishing the Light

<i>Thaddeus:</i>	Call to Servanthood	John 13: 1-15	Sarah Jane Fuller
<i>Thomas:</i>	Call to Faithfulness	John 14: 1-6	Madeleine Clark
<i>Philip:</i>	Call to Discipleship	John 14: 8-14	Ed Bond

Hymn When I Survey the Wondrous Cross, verse 1

**When I survey the wondrous cross, on which the Christ of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.**

<i>Judas Iscariot:</i>	Shadow of Betrayal	Matthew 26: 20-25	Isabella Stevens
<i>James:</i>	Shadow of Persecution	John 15: 12-20	Zac Girash
<i>Matthew:</i>	Shadow of Desertion	Matthew 26: 30-35	Mairi Morrison

Hymn When I Survey the Wondrous Cross, verse 2

**Forbid it then, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ, my God.
All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to Christ's love.**

*Please observe
three minutes of silence*

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being 4 in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. 5 The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not,
has not,
will not not overcome it.

**Please leave our worship service quietly at this time
(by clicking “Leave Meeting” in Zoom).**

May God bless you this night as you go forth from our worship.

Notes on this evening's service:

Maundy is the English form of the Latin word meaning “commandment.” Jesus’ new commandment to “love one another as I have loved you” is the focus of Maundy Thursday. Tenebrae is the Latin term for “shadows.”

Twelve candles representing the twelve disciples are used in tonight’s service with a larger candle representing Christ. The gradual extinguishing of the candles symbolizes the desertion of the disciples and foretells the death of Jesus.

Although many Tenebrae services end in total darkness with Jesus being led away to be crucified, tonight’s service includes the promise of hope in a spark of light at the conclusion. No matter how shadowy our lives become, God’s holy light will be present. “The light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it.”

Notes for the Holy Week Readings, written by Rev. Mary Luti while Senior Pastor of First Church Cambridge, UCC:

As Christians, we live under the burden of a sad and violent history of anti-Semitism, in the sobering shadow of the Shoah (Holocaust). It is critical for us to be clear about what our sacred texts mean when they make reference to “the Jews,” especially during Holy Week, when we contemplate Jesus’ death.

When the crucifixion narratives speak of “the chief priests and leaders of the people,” they are referring to officials who collaborated closely with the Roman systems of oppression, and were viewed with contempt by much of the Jewish community in their time. They should not be identified with the Jewish people of the past as a whole, and certainly not with Jews in the present.

It may be helpful to recall the cultural context of our Christian scriptures, emerging as they did from a small, originally Jewish community of believers in Jesus as the Messiah. All of the Gospels originated from Jewish communities. Jesus himself, was born, lived, and was crucified, a Jew. Any criticism of Jews from Gospel writers should be understood as the expression of differences of opinion among or about their fellow Jews. The gospels’ use of the term “the Jews” therefore, should not be read as a criticism of the Jewish religion, and especially not as a condemnation of an entire people, either then, or now.

It is one of the bitter ironies of history that our sacred texts have been used to justify the persecution of the covenant people, from whom our Savior came, and who are created, as we all are, in the precious image of God.

*Our worship service has ended.
May God bless you this night as
you depart from our worship by
clicking “Leave Meeting.”*