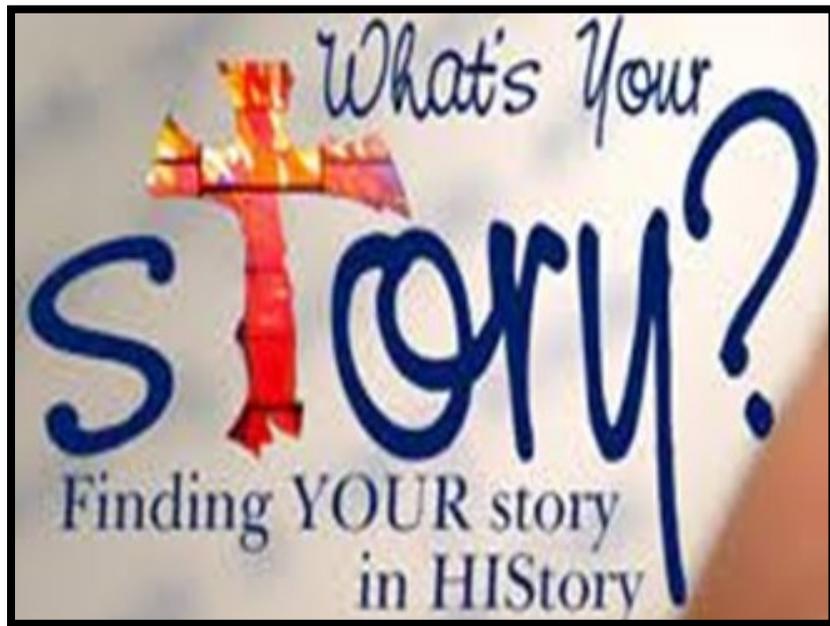


Grace United Church of Christ



Maundy Thursday

April 6, 2023

7:00 p.m.

The congregation will speak in unison
those portions which are **bolded**

* As you are able, please stand for parts marked with an *

WE GATHER

*During this worship, we encourage you to know and to remember that this is a **Quiet Meditative Space**, that this is a **Safe and Loving Place, a Sanctuary**, for worship, praise and reflection; and to remember that **'No Matter Who You Are or Where You Are on Life's Journey, You are Welcome Here!***

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: Ubi Caritas arr. Denis Bédard

Bringing in the Light

A Service of Gathering

Entry Into the Worship

Pastor: From our homes and places of work and study, You draw us to this sacred time and space, O Holy One.

All: We are here or at home to spend some precious time with each other as we journey to the end of this season of Lent, time with God as the center of our worship and our Lenten Journey of still "finding" our place in the stories of Holy Week.

Pastor: Let us acknowledge God is the source of our being.

All: God calls us to renew ourselves and our life's purpose, as we gather with others who are searching for fullness of life and the spiritual enrichment our lives and hearts and souls demand.

Pastor: Let us gather for a time of silent reflection:

***Call to Worship**

Pastor: This is a night to remember.

All: We remember the Passover Jesus shared with his disciples.

Pastor: We remember his new covenant of broken bread and poured cup.

All: We remember his night alone in the garden in prayer.

Pastor: We remember his arrest, his trial, his suffering, the denial of him by his disciples, his friends, his followers.

All: We remember this night and thank God for Jesus' presence with us then and with us now. Let our worship humble us. Let our worship encourage us. Let our worship give praise to the one who gives us life and passion and faith. Amen

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 curse for my soul,
For my soul, to bear the heavy cross for my soul.

2. 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!

3. And when from death I’m free, I’ll sing on, I’ll sing on,
And when from death I’m free, I’ll sing on;
And when from death I’m free, I’ll sing and joyful be,
And through eternity I’ll sing on, I’ll sing on,
And Through eternity, I’ll sing on.

Call to Prayer for Healing and Renewal

Pastor: Let us pray together.

All: Most merciful God, we confess that often our spirit has not been that of Christ. Where we have failed to love one another as he loves us, where we have pledged loyalty to him with our lips and then betrayed, deserted, or denied him, forgive us, we pray. By your Spirit make us faithful in every time of trial; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Pastor: In this precious time of prayer let us pray as if our lives and our relationship with Jesus depended on it all:

All: Christ is the gift of love, the gift of faith, the gift of hope this night. Thus, with passion, we declare: We seek a presence, a precious presence with the One we call “Lord.”

Pastor: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

All: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God. Amen.

First Lesson 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 The Institution of the Lord’s Supper

23 For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, **24** and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, “This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” **25** In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.” **26** For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.

Second Lesson

John 13:1-17, 31b-35

Jesus Washes the Disciples' Feet

13 Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. **2** The devil had already decided that Judas son of Simon Iscariot would betray Jesus. And during supper **3** Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands and that he had come from God and was going to God, **4** got up from supper, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. **5** Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. **6** He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" **7** Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." **8** Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." **9** Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" **10** Jesus said to him, "One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you[c] are clean, though not all of you." **11** For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean." **12** After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had reclined again, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? **13** You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for that is what I am. **14** So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. **15** For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. **16** Very truly, I tell you, slaves are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. **17** If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.

31b-35 "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. **32** If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. **33** Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' **34** I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. **35** By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

Music

In Dark Gethsemane
Peter Abell - French Horn

arr. Trevor Manor

Pastoral Meditation

"Please, Let Me Wash Your Feet –
Figuratively Speaking, Please"

Pastor Gerry

A Service of Holy Communion

INVITATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give God our thanks and praise.

Pastor: This is not the table of this church, or of any church.

All: It is the table of the Lord and all who wish to partake are welcome.

Pastor: Jesus said: "I am the bread of life. You who come to me shall not hunger; you who believe in me shall never thirst." Thus, come to this sacred table not...and invited us to join the people of God's new age.

COMMUNION PRAYER

Pastor: Let us pray:

All: Eternal God, who has created the heavens and the earth, giving breath to every living thing, we thank you for all the gifts of creation and for the gift of life itself. We thank you for making us in your own image, for forgiving us when we act as though you have no claim on us, and for keeping us in your steadfast care. We rejoice in Jesus Christ, the only one eternally begotten by you, who was born of your servant Mary and shared the joys and sorrows of life as we know it. Tonight, we gather around this holy and sacred table to remember all that this night means to us, and in Your abiding presence, we remember the gift of suffering and the gift of the passion of this meal. Amen.

Pastor: And in the name of the One we follow this night, we pray the prayer he teaches us to say, always,

The Lord's Prayer

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. Amen.

Blessing the Bread and Cup

Sharing the bread (and/or Gluten-free wafers) and cups of white wine in outer circles and grape juice in the inner circles.

Pastor: Come up to receive a piece of bread and white wine or grape juice. ALL are welcome to participate.

Music during Communion:

Ubi Caritas
Anna Kovacsics - soprano

medieval chant

Translation: Where charity and love are, God is there.
Christ's love has gathered us into one.
Let us rejoice and be pleased in Him.
Let us fear, and let us love the living God.
And may we love each other with a sincere heart.

A Prayer for Our Journey to Easter Sunday

*Closing Hymn

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

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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.

2 Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast
save in the death of Christ, my God!
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them through Christ’s blood.

3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet,
sorrow and love flow mingled down.
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
or thorns compose so rich a crown?

4 Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were a present far too small.
Love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.

A Blessing for the Journey Home

Stripping of the Altar

Worship Resources: Written or adapted from various sources by Pastor Gerry

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Grace goes LIVE!

Please know that today's service is being live-streamed for those who can not worship with us in person.

If you prefer NOT to be in the live stream video, please sit in pews behind the center pillars.

NOTE: If today's service contains a processional (check bulletin) and you do not wish to be in the live stream video, please see an AV Team member or an usher.

The children's moment will be on camera as well. If you would like your child NOT to be on camera, please speak to our AV team or an usher.

(Note: Communion and the offering will NOT be live-streamed for privacy reasons.)



Worship Schedule – Holy Week 2023

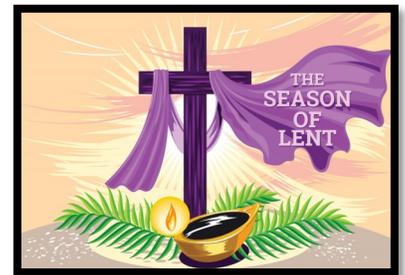
April 9 -- Easter Sunday Celebration

Acts 10:34-43; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; Colossians 3:1-4;

John 20:1-18 (The Resurrection of Jesus)

Sermon: "The Resurrection is for the Living" Pastor Gerry

Sacrament of Holy Communion



Lenten Bible Study Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89654486377?pwd=T1VGSWh2NFVkrRHhVVFk1cm1BUUpZz099>

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SUNDAY WORSHIP – 11:00 AM — Virtual and in person

Holy Communion is celebrated on the first Sunday of every month.

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Liturgist:	N/A
Children's Message:	N/A
Children's Church:	N/A
Altar Guild:	N/A
Greeters:	N/A

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