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March 28, 2023 7:00 p.m. H5 Week Service

Prelude

Adam Ferrara

Greeting with Rev. Dr. Leigh Ann Shaw

Call to Worship with Rev. Dr. Leigh Ann Shaw

Come, you with weary souls, and aching backs.

We come bearing a heavy load of worry, frustration, and isolation.

Come, you who are hungry, thirsty,

longing to meet the one who will feed you, body and soul.

We come with emptiness in our stomachs and our hearts, desperate to be filled.

Come to meet Jesus who feeds us with bread and love that never ends.

Come to receive a new commandment: love one another as Christ has loved you.

We come to embrace this new commandment so that everyone will know we are disciples of Jesus Christ, God Incarnate who came to live and love among us!

Hymn

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence UMH 626, Vs. 1 & 2

Words: Liturgy of St. James; trans. by Gerard Moultrie

Music: French carol melody; harm. from The English Hymnal

Adam Ferrara

Unison Prayer with Dakota Koenig, Certified Lay Minister

We are in the final week of remembrance, O Lord. Grant that as we recall the events and contemplate the meaning of your sacrifice and of the gift of your son Jesus, we gain a new understanding of just how precious we, your creatures, are to you. And let us leave this place with a renewed commitment to live our lives in the grace of your love for us, and in the salvation that is ours in the risen Christ. Amen.

The Upper Room - Matthew 26:26-30

While they were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to the disciples, and said, 'Take, eat; this is my body.' Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, saying, 'Drink from it, all of you; for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you, I will never again drink of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom.' When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.



Liturgy with Rev. Dr. Leigh Ann Shaw

God of all time and all creation, we thank you for your work in our world, for good food and good friends for the time to share a bountiful meal and the space to worship you. All that we have and all that we are comes from you. Most of all, this night we thank you for Jesus Christ, for the faithful and righteous life that he lived, for the journey he made during this week that we celebrate from exalted king to crucified lord, and for the meal that he shared with his disciples before he was killed, where he revealed and shared his full self with those who cared for him.

Be present with us now, by the power of your Spirit, that once again this meal might be a chance for us to share in the life, death, and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. May this bread be for us the body of Christ,

May this cup be the blood of our Lord, and the sharing of this feast our participation in that meal of so long ago.

Strengthen us by this meal for the journey ahead,

that we might continue to walk with Christ along the road of his passion and death as we await his rising on Easter and to the fullness of new life.

Through Christ, who shares this table with us even now, we pray.

Among friends, gathered around a table, as they shared a meal as we have done, Jesus took bread, gave thanks to God, and gave it to his disciples, promising that as they ate they would share in his life and death and resurrection. As we share it now, we join in the feast of all creation, now and always.

And he also shared a cup of wine, offering them a taste of the new covenant of life sealed in his life. As

we share it now, we join in the feast of all creation, now and always.

So come on this holy night. Share this holy meal.

Remember our Lord Jesus Christ. Keep the feast now and always.

Communion Hymn

Bread of the World UMH 624, Vs. 1 & 2

Words: Reginald Heber Music: John S.B. Hodges

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Garden of Gethsemane - Matthew 26:36-39

Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples, 'Sit here while I go over there and pray.' He took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be grieved and agitated. Then he said to them, 'I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and stay awake with me.' And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed, 'My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet not what I want but what you want.'



Meditation 1

What Wondrous Love is This - UMH 292, Vs. 1 & 2 - Congregation

Jesus is betrayed - Mark 14:43-46

While Jesus was still speaking, Judas, one of the Twelve, arrived, accompanied by a crowd with swords and clubs, who had come from the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders. His betrayer had arranged a signal with them, saying, "the man I shall kiss is the one; arrest him and lead him away securely." He came and immediately went over to him and said, "Rabbi." And he kissed him. At this they laid hands on him and arrested him.

Meditation 2

Ah, Holy Jesus - UMH 289, Vs. 1 & 2 - Congregation

Jesus is Crucified - Luke 23:33-34

When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified him and the criminals there, one on his right, the other on his left. Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, they know not what they do."

Meditation 3

Bound Upon the Accursed Tree - Chancel Choir

Jesus Promises Paradise - Luke 23:39-43

Now one of the criminals hanging there reviled Jesus, saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us." The other, however, rebuking him, said in reply, "Have you no fear of God, for you are subject to the same condemnation? And indeed, we have been condemned justly, for the sentence we received corresponds to our crimes, but this man has done nothing criminal." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied to him, "Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

Meditation 4

Hear Us, Holy Jesus - Chancel Choir

Jesus Speaks - John 19: 25-27

Standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary of Magdala. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple there whom he loved, he said to his mother, "Woman, behold, your son." Then he said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his home.

Meditation 5

At The Cross Her Station Keeping - Chancel Choir

Jesus Dies on the Cross- Luke 23:44-46

It was now about noon and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon because of an eclipse of the sun. Then the veil of the temple was torn down the middle. Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit"; and when he had said this he breathed his last.



Meditation 6

Were You There - UMH 288, Vs. 1, 2 & 5 - Congregation

Jesus is Placed in the Tomb - Matthew 27:57-60

When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea named Joseph, who was himself a disciple of Jesus. He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus; then Pilate ordered it to be handed over. Taking the body, Joseph wrapped it in clean linen and laid it in his new tomb that he had hewn in the rock. Then he rolled a huge stone across the entrance to the tomb and departed.

Darkness, Deep Darkness...

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