



CHRIST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, BROCKTON, MA



First Congregational Church of Stoughton
**UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST**
An Open and Affirming Congregation

April 5, 2020

9:55 am

Welcome to worship! While we can't be together physically, we are glad to join our two congregations together for worship online. Whoever you are, and wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

PRELUDE Selections from English Suite in A major J.S. Bach
Sylvia Berry, harpsichord

RINGING OF THE CHIMES

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS Barry Shelley

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Blessed is the One who comes in the name of our God.

All: Hosanna in the highest!

CENTERING SONG

'Love, Love, Love'
Love, love, love, love,
People this is your call.
Love your neighbor as yourself,
For God loves all.

A TIME FOR ALL – PALM PARADE Ann-Marie Illsley

SONG 'Even the Stones Would Cry Out' Katrina Clinton

REFLECTION Rev. Mary Perry

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE - SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER Ann-Marie Illsley

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father (Creator), 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 sins (trespasses), as we forgive those who sin (trespass) against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

CALL FOR OFFERINGS and PRAYER OF DEDICATION

OFFERTORY

'Hosanna'

Craig Courtney

THE PASSION ACCORDING TO THE GOSPEL OF MARK

(To follow along with the readings and hymns, scroll to the next page)

Mark 14:1-2, 10-11 The Plot to Kill Jesus

HYMN: Tis Midnight and on Olive's Brow #194 vv. 1-2

Mark 14:32-36 Jesus Prays in Gethsemane

HYMN: Go to Dark Gethsemane #196 v. 1

Mark 14:43-46 The Betrayal and Arrest of Jesus

HYMN: Go to Dark Gethsemane #196 v. 2

Mark 14:53, 55-65 Jesus Before the Council

HYMN: Beneath the Cross of Jesus #197 vv. 1-2

Mark 15:1-15 Jesus and Pilate

HYMN: Beneath the Cross of Jesus #197 v. 3

Mark 15:16-20 The Soldiers Mock Jesus

HYMN: When I Survey The Wondrous Cross #195 vv. 1&3

Mark 15: 21-26 The Crucifixion of Jesus

HYMN: Were You There? #198 vv. 1-2

Mark 15: 33-38 The Death of Jesus

HYMN: Were You There #198 v. 3

Mark 15: 42-46 The Burial of Jesus

HYMN: What Wondrous Love Is This? #200 vv. 1&2

BLESSING AND SENDING

Rev. Mary Perry

RESPONSE What Wondrous Love Is This? #200 v. 4

CLOSING MUSIC Gigue from English Suite in A major, BWV 806

J.S.Bach

Sylvia Berry, harpsichord

Today's worship service was adapted from a Passion Palm Sunday liturgy created by Rev. Adam Isbitsky for First Congregational Church, UCC in Stoughton.

Leading Worship Today:

Rev. Mary Perry, Preacher
Ann-Marie Illsley, Acting Associate Minister
Murray Kidd, Music Director
Sylvia Berry, Accompanist
Alisa Cassola, Soprano Soloist
Rev. Katrina Clinton, Guest Musician
John Baglole, Reader
Rev. Adam Isbitsky, Reader
Charlene Smith, Reader

Scripture and Hymns

Mark 14:1-2, 10-11

The Plot to Kill Jesus

It was two days before the Passover and the festival of Unleavened Bread. The chief priests and the scribes were looking for a way to arrest Jesus^[a] by stealth and kill him; ² for they said, "Not during the festival, or there may be a riot among the people."

¹⁰ Then Judas Iscariot, who was one of the twelve, went to the chief priests in order to betray him to them. ¹¹ When they heard it, they were greatly pleased, and promised to give him money. So he began to look for an opportunity to betray him.

HYMN: Tis Midnight and on Olive's Brow #194 vv. 1-2

194 'Tis Midnight, and on Olive's Brow

1. 'Tis mid - night, and on Ol - ive's brow the
 2. 'Tis mid - night, and, from all re - moved, the
 3. 'Tis mid - night, and, for oth - ers' guilt, the
 4. 'Tis mid - night, and from heaven - ly plains is

star is dimmed that late - ly shone; 'tis mid - night, in the
 Sav - ior wres - tles lone with fears; e'en that dis - ci - ple
 Man of Sor - rows weeps in blood; yet he that has in
 borne the song that an - gels know; un - heard by mor - tals

gar - den now the suf - fer - ing Sav - ior prays a - lone.
 whom he loved heeds not the Sav - ior's grief and tears.
 an - guish knelt is not for - sak - en by his God.
 are the strains that gen - tly soothe the Sav - ior's woe.

WORDS: William B. Tappan, 1822
 MUSIC: William B. Bradbury, 1853

OLIVE'S BROW
 LM

Mark 14:32-36

Jesus Prays in Gethsemane

³² They went to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples, "Sit here while I pray." ³³ He took with him Peter and James and John, and began to be distressed and agitated. ³⁴ And he said to them, "I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and keep awake." ³⁵ And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. ³⁶ He said, "Abba,^[a] Father, for you all things are possible; remove this cup from me; yet, not what I want, but what you want."

HYMN: Go to Dark Gethsemane #196 v. 1

Mark 14:43-46

The Betrayal and Arrest of Jesus

⁴³ Immediately, while he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; and with him there was a crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders. ⁴⁴ Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, "The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him and lead him away under guard." ⁴⁵ So when he came, he went up to him at once and said, "Rabbi!" and kissed him. ⁴⁶ Then they laid hands on him and arrested him.

HYMN: Go to Dark Gethsemane #196 v. 2

Go to Dark Gethsemane

1. Go to dark Geth - sem - a - ne, all who feel the
 2. Fol - low to the judg - ment hall; view the Lord of
 3. Cal - v'ry's mourn - ful moun - tain climb; there, a - dor - ing
 4. Ear - ly hast - en to the tomb where they laid his

temp - ter's pow'r; your Re - deem - er's con - flict see,
 life ar - raigned, O the worm - wood and the gall!
 at his feet, mark that mir - a - cle of time,
 breath - less clay; all is sol - i - tude and gloom.

watch with him one bit - ter hour: turn not from his
 O the pangs his soul sus - tained! Shun not suf - f'ring,
 God's own sac - ri - fice com - plete: "It is fin - ished!"
 Who has tak - en him a - way? Christ is ris'n! He

griefs a - way; learn of Je - sus Christ to pray.
 shame, or loss; learn of him to bear the cross.
 hear the cry; learn of Je - sus Christ to die.
 meets our eyes; Sav - ior, teach us so to rise.

⁵³ They took Jesus to the high priest; and all the chief priests, the elders, and the scribes were assembled.

⁵⁵ Now the chief priests and the whole council were looking for testimony against Jesus to put him to death; but they found none. ⁵⁶ For many gave false testimony against him, and their testimony did not agree. ⁵⁷ Some stood up and gave false testimony against him, saying, ⁵⁸ "We heard him say, 'I will destroy this temple that is made with hands, and in three days I will build another, not made with hands.'" ⁵⁹ But even on this point their testimony did not agree. ⁶⁰ Then the high priest stood up before them and asked Jesus, "Have you no answer? What is it that they testify against you?" ⁶¹ But he was silent and did not answer. Again the high priest asked him, "Are you the Messiah, ^[a] the Son of the Blessed One?" ⁶² Jesus said, "I am; and

'you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of the Power,' and 'coming with the clouds of heaven.'"

⁶³ Then the high priest tore his clothes and said, "Why do we still need witnesses? ⁶⁴ You have heard his blasphemy! What is your decision?" All of them condemned him as deserving death. ⁶⁵ Some began to spit on him, to blindfold him, and to strike him, saying to him, "Prophecy!" The guards also took him over and beat him.

HYMN: Beneath the Cross of Jesus #197 vv. 1-2

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

197

1. Be - neath the cross of Je - sus I fain would take my stand,
 2. Up - on that cross of Je - sus mine eye at times can see
 3. I take, O cross, thy shad - ow for my a - bid - ing place;

the shad - ow of a might - y rock with - in a wea - ry land;
 the ver - y dy - ing form of one who suf - fered there for me;
 I ask no oth - er sun - shine than the sun - shine of his face;

a home with - in the wil - der - ness, a rest up - on the way,
 and from my strick - en heart with tears two won - ders I con - fess:
 con - tent to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss,

from the burn - ing of the noon - tide heat, and the bur - den of the day.
 the won - ders of re - deem - ing love and my un - wor - thi - ness.
 my sin - ful self my on - ly shame, my glo - ry all the cross.

WORDS: Elizabeth C. Clephane, 1872
 MUSIC: Frederick C. Maker, 1881

ST. CHRISTOPHER
 76.86.86.86

As soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council. They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate. ² Pilate asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" He answered him, "You say so." ³ Then the chief priests accused him of many things. ⁴ Pilate asked him again, "Have you no answer? See how many charges they bring against you." ⁵ But Jesus made no further reply, so that Pilate was amazed.

⁶ Now at the festival he used to release a prisoner for them, anyone for whom they asked. ⁷ Now a man called Barabbas was in prison with the rebels who had committed murder during the insurrection. ⁸ So the crowd came and began to ask Pilate to do for them according to his custom. ⁹ Then he answered them, "Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?" ¹⁰ For he realized that it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed him over. ¹¹ But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release Barabbas for them instead. ¹² Pilate spoke to them again, "Then what do you wish me to do^[a] with the man you call^[b] the King of the Jews?" ¹³ They shouted back, "Crucify him!" ¹⁴ Pilate asked them, "Why, what evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, "Crucify him!" ¹⁵ So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

HYMN: Beneath the Cross of Jesus #197 v. 3

¹⁶ Then the soldiers led him into the courtyard of the palace (that is, the governor's headquarters^[a]); and they called together the whole cohort. ¹⁷ And they clothed him in a purple cloak; and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on him. ¹⁸ And they began saluting him, "Hail, King of the Jews!" ¹⁹ They struck his head with a reed, spat upon him, and knelt down in homage to him. ²⁰ After mocking him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him.

HYMN: When I Survey The Wondrous Cross #195 vv. 1&3

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross 195

1. When I sur - vey the won - drous cross on which the
 2. For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the
 3. See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sor - row and
 4. Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were a

Prince of glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I
 death of Christ, my God; all the vain things that
 love flow min - gled down! Did e'er such love and
 pres - ent far too small; love so a - maz - ing,

count but loss, and pour con - tempt on all my pride.
 charm me most I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.
 sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
 so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

WORDS: Isaac Watts, 1707
 MUSIC: Lowell Mason, 1824

HAMBURG
 LM

Alt. tune: ROCKINGHAM

Mark 15: 21-26

The Crucifixion of Jesus

²¹ They compelled a passer-by, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross; it was Simon of Cyrene, the father of Alexander and Rufus. ²² Then they brought Jesus^[a] to the place called Golgotha (which means the place of a skull). ²³ And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh; but he did not take it. ²⁴ And they crucified him, and divided his clothes among them, casting lots to decide what each should take.

²⁵ It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him. ²⁶ The inscription of the charge against him read, "The King of the Jews."

HYMN: Were You There? #198 vv. 1-2

Mark 15: 33-38

The Death of Jesus

³³ When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land^[a] until three in the afternoon. ³⁴ At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"^[b] ³⁵ When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, "Listen, he is calling for Elijah." ³⁶ And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down." ³⁷ Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. ³⁸ And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom.

HYMN: Were You There? #198 v. 3

Mark 15: 42-46

The Burial of Jesus

⁴² When evening had come, and since it was the day of Preparation, that is, the day before the sabbath, ⁴³ Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God, went boldly to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. ⁴⁴ Then Pilate wondered if he were already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he had been dead for some time. ⁴⁵ When he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the body to Joseph. ⁴⁶ Then Joseph^[a] bought a linen cloth, and taking down the body,^[b] wrapped it in the linen cloth, and laid it in a tomb that had been hewn out of the rock. He then rolled a stone against the door of the tomb.

HYMN: What Wondrous Love Is This? #200 vv. 1&2

Were You There

1. Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? (were you
 2. Were you there when they nailed him to the tree? (were you
 3. Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? (were you

there) Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? (were you
 there) Were you there when they nailed him to the tree? (were you
 there) Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? (were you

there) Oh! Some-times it caus-es

me to trem-ble, trem-ble, trem-ble. Were you

there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? (were you there)
 there when they nailed him to the tree? (were you there)
 there when they laid him in the tomb? (were you there)

WORDS: African-American spiritual
 MUSIC: African-American spiritual; adapt. and arr. William Farley Smith, 1986
 WERE YOU THERE
 Irr.
 Adapt. and arr. © 1989 The United Methodist Publishing House

What Wondrous Love Is This

1. What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul, what
 2. When I was sink-ing down, sink-ing down, sink-ing down, when
 3. To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing, to
 4. And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and

won-drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is
 I was sink-ing down, sink-ing down; when I was sink-ing
 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

this that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dread-ful curse for my
 down be - neath God's righ-teous frown, Christ laid a - side his crown 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 dread-ful curse for my soul!
 soul, for my soul, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul!
 sing, I will sing, while mil-lions join the theme, I will sing!
 on, I'll sing on, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on!