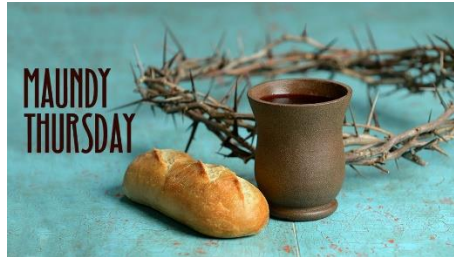




CHRIST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, BROCKTON, MA



March 28, 2024

3:00pm & 7:00pm

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. Anyone who follows me will not walk in darkness but will have the light of life."

People: The Apostle Paul said, "God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin." (1 John 1:5-7)

Leader: Let us worship God together, the one who brings darkness into light, who brings forgiveness to our sins.

HYMN

'Go to Dark Gethsemane'

No. 196

THE GOSPEL READING

John 13:1-17, 31-35

MEDITATION

Rev. Jeffrey Kardisco

ANTHEM

'In the Upper Room'

Navy/Nagy



SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips would tremble to name, and what our hearts struggle to bear. Set us free, grant us grace, and forgive us our wrongs. Through Jesus Christ, Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE**REMEMBERING THE STORY****PRAYER OF CONSECRATION****BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND POURING THE JUICE****SHARING THE ELEMENTS****SPECIAL MUSIC***Emily Swisher Rosa, violin*

'Meditation on Schindler's List'

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (*in unison*)

Everlasting God, who was and is and is to come, we are grateful that you have invited us here as guests to a banquet, as witnesses to your holy love. May all of our singing, our praying, our words of devotion, be blessed by you so that your Spirit may come alive in us once again, bringing us to new life. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

ANTHEM

'Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley'

Traditional/Thomas

**THE SERVICE OF TENEBRAE**

Lead by our Deacons, interspersed with verses from "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" from the Chalice Hymnal.

FIRST READING – Matthew 26:20-25

When it was evening, he took his place with the twelve; and while they were eating, he said, "Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me." And they became greatly distressed and began to say to him one after another, "Surely not I, Lord?" He answered, "The one who has dipped his hand into the bowl with me will betray me. The Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that one by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that one not to have been born." Judas, who betrayed him, said, "Surely not I, Rabbi?" He replied, "You have said so."

SECOND READING – 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.

THIRD READING – Matthew 26:31-35

Then Jesus said to them, "You will all become deserters because of me this night; for it is written, 'I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.'

But after I am raised up, I will go ahead of you to Galilee." Peter said to him, "Though all become deserters because of you, I will never desert you." Jesus said to him, "Truly I tell you, this very night, before the cock crows, you will deny me three times." Peter said to him, "Even though I must die with you, I will not deny you." And so said all the disciples.

HYMN

'When I Survey the Wondrous Cross' (vs 1)

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FOURTH READING – Luke 22:39-44

He came out and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives; and the disciples followed him. When he reached the place, he said to them, "Pray that you may not come into the time of trial." Then he withdrew from them about a stone's throw, knelt down, and prayed, "Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me; yet, not my will but yours be done." [[Then an angel from heaven appeared to him and gave him strength. In his anguish he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down on the ground.]]

FIFTH READING – Mark 14:32-36

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

SIXTH READING – Mark 14:37-42

He came and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, "Simon, are you asleep? Could you not keep awake one hour? Keep awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." And again he went away and prayed, saying the same words. And once more he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy; and they did not know what to say to him. He came a third time and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? Enough! The hour has come; the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand."

HYMN

'When I Survey the Wondrous Cross' (vs 2)

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SEVENTH READING – John 17:1-6

After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work

that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

“I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word.

EIGHTH READING – John 17:15-22

I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.

“I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one,

HYMN

‘When I Survey the Wondrous Cross’ (vs 3)

No. 195

NINTH READING – John 18:1-5

After Jesus had spoken these words, he went out with his disciples across the Kidron valley to a place where there was a garden, which he and his disciples entered. Now Judas, who betrayed him, also knew the place, because Jesus often met there with his disciples. So Judas brought a detachment of soldiers together with police from the chief priests and the Pharisees, and they came there with lanterns and torches and weapons. Then Jesus, knowing all that was to happen to him, came forward and asked them, “Whom are you looking for?” They answered, “Jesus of Nazareth.” Jesus replied, “I am he.” Judas, who betrayed him, was standing with them.

TENTH READING – Mark 15:16-18

Then the soldiers led him into the courtyard of the palace (that is, the governor’s headquarters); and they called together the whole cohort. And they clothed him in a purple cloak; and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on him. And they began saluting him, “Hail, King of the Jews!”

ELEVENTH READING – Mark 15:19-20

They struck his head with a reed, spat upon him, and knelt down in homage to him. 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.

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‘When I Survey the Wondrous Cross’ (vs 4)

No. 195

TWELFTH AND THIRTEENTH READING (*paraphrased*) John 1:1,4,14,10,12,3:19

In the beginning was the Word
and the Word was with God
and the Word was God.
through the Word was life,
and the life was the light for all people.

The Word became flesh
and made his home among us.
We have seen his glory,

glory like that of a father's only son,
full of grace and truth.
The light was in the world,
and the world came into being through the light,
but the world didn't recognize the light.
But those who did welcome him,
those who believed in his name,
he authorized to become God's children,
"This is the basis for judgment: The light came into the world, and people loved darkness more
than the light, for their actions are evil.

EARTHQUAKE

(At a traditional Tenebrae service in a monastery, the monks will hit the backs of the pews with their hymnals to signify the earth shaking at the moment of Christ's death on the cross.)

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(you may stand, sit or kneel)*

Our Creator (Father), who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kin-dom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kin-dom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

RECESSION OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

Our worship will conclude in silence after the recession of the Christ candle. We will resume our Holy Week observance tomorrow, March 29th at 3:00 PM & 7:00 PM, for Good Friday.



Participating in Today's Worship Service:

Rev. Jeffrey Kardisco, Senior Pastor

Alex Green, Music Director

Susannah Thornton, Soloist

David Wilcox, ASL Interpreter

Lay Readers

Doug Anderson

Judy Copley

Janet Eckstrom

Jan Howard

Jeff Illsley

Patricia Illsley

Karl Koza

Sue Koza

George Manoogian

Ray Medeiros

Sue Medeiros

Moriah Park

Ken Stevens

Janice Urban

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.

WORDS: James Montgomery, 1825, alt.
 MUSIC: Richard Redhead, 1853

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Jesus, Remember Me

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Je- sus, re - mem-ber me when you come in - to your king - dom.

The first system of music consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat) and a 3/4 time signature. It features a melody of eighth and quarter notes. The lower staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature, providing a harmonic accompaniment of chords and eighth notes.

Je- sus, re - mem-ber me when you come in - to your king - dom.

The second system of music also consists of two staves in the same key signature and time signature as the first. The melody in the upper staff concludes with a final chord. The bass line in the lower staff provides a steady accompaniment throughout the system.

WORDS: Luke 23:42
MUSIC: Jacques Berthier and the Community of Taizé, 1981

REMEMBER ME
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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

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Alt. tune: ROCKINGHAM