

Order of Worship

7:30 PM

Maundy Thursday

March 28, 2024

WELCOME TO THE HENRIETTA UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST!

- **Masking is currently optional at HUCC.** If you are more comfortable masking, please feel free to do so. We ask anyone with any symptoms of illness to consider the safety of your neighbors and stay masked.
- **Please remember to silence your cell phone** as we gather to worship.
- The **asterisk*** indicates to rise in body or in spirit.

PRELUDE “Draw Nigh and Take the Body of the Lord” by Matthew McConnel

RINGING OF THE BELL

+CALL TO WORSHIP (*one / many*)

Carol Feasel

We gather tonight to tell an old, old story:

a story of bitterness and betrayal, of despair, denial and death.

We gather also to tell an even older story,
prepared before the worlds began:

a story of love powerful enough

to rewrite our endings with the promise of new life.

In the telling of the story,

in the breaking of the bread,

in the coming of the night,

we draw near once more to Christ.

*HYMN

“Journey to Gethsemane”

Henry Stone, Cantor

Twelve candles are lit, to symbolize the twelve disciples.

Journey to Gethsemane, go and feel the tempter’s power;

Your Redeemer’s conflict see, watch the anguish of this hour;

Do not hide or turn away; learn from Jesus how to pray.

Follow then to Pilate’s hall, view the Lord of life arraigned;

Crowned with thorns and mocked by all, faithfully this pain sustained;

Greater still than shame or loss, Jesus now must face the cross.

Text and music by James Montgomery, 1825

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*one / many*)

Pastor Martha

God, your faithfulness is so great, that we cannot help but fall short!

Still, we come to you in hope:

For each time you asked us to stay with you, but we wandered away,

forgive us. For each time we fell asleep on the job of being your

disciples, forgive us. For each time we boasted of loyalty, yet betrayed

you, or denied you, or crept away, forgive us. For each time we hear this

story, and think, “we would do better,” forgive us. May we take your gift of mercy and share it with the world that you have loved so much. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S ENDURING LOVE (*one / many*) - Romans 5:8

This is how we know that God loves us:

Even though we have fallen short, Christ has given himself for us.

Let us love one another, as Christ has loved us.

REFLECTION	“From the Table to the Cross”	Pastor Martha
PREPARATION	Matthew 26: 17-25	River Bauch
INVITATION	Matthew 26: 26-29	Jo Kenyon

COMMUNION AT CHRIST’S TABLE

Please come forward to receive the bread and cup. The bread is gluten free.

HYMN “Christ at Table There with Friends”

Christ at table there with friends, sharing bread and wine, and then,
Speaking words of mystery: “Thus remember me,
thus remember me.”

In the garden Jesus bows. Harsh the cry that rises now:
“Father, some way let it be! Take this cup from me.
Take this cup from me!”

“Yet your will, not mine, be done. For this purpose I am come.
Thus to make all people new I take this cup from you,
I take this cup from you.”

At our table Jesus stands, Word of God with nail-scarred hands.
“Come receive the mystery. Take this cup from me.
Take this cup from me.”

Words by Anabel Miller (1982); Tune: Maundy Thursday, by Emma Lou Diemer (1992).

ON THE MOUNT	Matthew 26:30-35	Isaiah Bauch
IN THE GARDEN	Matthew 26:36-46	Linda Traynor
ANTHEM	“When You Prayed Beneath the Trees” By Christopher Idle and Lloyd Larsen	HUCC Choir
BETRAYED	Matthew 26:47-56	Melissa Bauch
TRIED	Matthew 26:57-68	Phoenix Hoffman
DENIED	Matthew 26:69-75	River Bauch
*HYMN	“Ah, Holy Jesus”	

The communion table is stripped during the hymn.

Ah, holy Jesus, how have you offended,
that mortal judgment has on you descended?
By foes derided, by your own rejected, O most afflicted!
Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon you?
It is my treason, Jesus, that has slain you.
And I, dear Jesus, I it was denied you; I crucified you.
For me, kind Jesus, was your incarnation,
your mortal sorrow, and your life's oblation,
your death of anguish and your bitter passion, for my salvation.
Therefore, kind Jesus, since I cannot pay you,
I do adore you, and will ever pray you,
think on your pity and your love unswerving, not my deserving.

Text: Johann Heermann, 1630; Parapr. by Robert Bridges, 1899; alt. Tune: HERZLIEBSTER JESU, Johann Crüger, 1640.

DESPAIR	Matthew 27:1-10	Isaiah Bauch
REJECTION	Matthew 27:11-26	Jo Kenyon
MOCKING	Matthew 27:27-44	Linda Traynor

***HYMN** "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

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

Text: Isaac Watts, 1707, alt. Tune: HAMBURG, Lowell Mason, 1825.

DEATH	Matthew 27:45-50	Phoenix Hoffman
WITNESS	Matthew 27:51-61	Melissa Bauch
MUSICAL REFLECTION	"Love Knocks and Waits" <i>By Daniel Charles Damon</i>	Stone Family

SILENT PRAYER

*The Christ candle is removed, the lights are dimmed,
and the cross is draped, in remembrance of the days Jesus spent in the tomb.*

WORDS OF PROMISE	John 1:1-5	Carol Feasel
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***SILENCE**

We depart in reflective silence and await the new life to come.

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