

Maundy Thursday Worship

A SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT MARCH 28, 2024

Wilbraham United Church



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March 28, 2024

MAUNDY THURSDAY

7:00 P.M.

PRELUDE Organ: Wondrous Love

arr. A.V. Fedak

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

OPENING Rev. Janet

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.

*HYMN #534 (*UMH*)

Be Still, My Soul

CONFESSION OF SIN

Merciful God,

We come before you this night carrying our sins, which are too heavy for us to carry alone. We gather before you with an abundance of contrition, praying that you will forgive us, hoping that you will receive us into your great mercy and desiring a salvation, which only you alone can give. We confess that too often we have struggled with our brokenness and we have been led astray by empty promises and false idols. We have failed you in our faithlessness and we have rejected the fullness of your love for us. Forgive us we pray, redeem us from our collective sin and individual misdeeds. Restore in us a clean heart, a brighter spirit, and a true commitment to do your good works here on earth. In Christ name we pray, Amen

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

Invitation to Give

Offertory I Think I Heard Him Say

G.M. Martin

Chancel Choir

Prayer of Dedication

*HYMN #624 (UMH)

Bread of the World

THE LAST SUPPER WITH JESUS CHRIST

Invitation to Communion

Pastor: God be with you

People: And also with you

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to God

Pastor: Let us give thanks to God Most High

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise

Words of Remembrance Distribution of Elements

Communion will be served by Intinction. When invited please process down the center aisle to the front of the church to receive the elements. After you have been served, please return to your seat by the side aisles of the sanctuary. If you are not able to process, a server will come to you.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

THE SERVICE OF TENEBRAE

The Shadow of Betrayal	Matthew 26:20-25	Kim Ryan
The Shadow of Desertion	Matthew 26:31-35	Kathy Timpson
HYMN #290 (<i>UMH</i>) verse 1		Go to Dark Gethsemane
The Agony of the Soul	Luke 22:39-44	Edna Colcord
The Unshared Vigil	Mark 14:32-41	Deb Trimble
"Father, the hour is come"	John 17:1-6	April Beston
ANTHEM	When I Survey the Wondrous Cros Bell Choir	s arr. S. Eithun
"That they may all be one"	John 17:15-22	Marge Trimble
The Arrest in the Garden	John 18:1-5	John Colkos
HYMN #288 (UMH) verses	1-4	Were You There
The Word Was God	John 1:1-14, 18	Rev. Janet

A Time of Silent Prayer

During the meditation and silence, the Chancel area is stripped of its adornments, and the cross is draped in black. We prepare to remember our Savior's death.

A Voice Out of the Darkness

Please leave the sanctuary in silence and continue to meditate on the Passion of our Savior.

Thank you for joining us in worship this evening. Is this your first visit to United Church? Please sign a Pew Card if you wish to be kept up-to-date regarding activities at the church.

MINISTERING TO YOU THIS EVENING

Pastor: Rev. Janet Sandquist-Skagerlind

Music Director: Roberta Morkin

Technical and Artistic Director: Deb Trimble

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HOLY WEEK SERVICES

March 29, 2024 at 12:00 P.M.: Good Friday Service March 31, 2024 at 10:00 A.M.: Easter Sunday Service