



Southminster

Presbyterian Church

"A Christ-centered ... intentionally missional congregation ..."

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Maundy Thursday

April 6, 2023

7 p.m.

Prayer of Preparation

(You are invited to pray this prayer in silence.)

We recognize in ourselves the strengths and weaknesses of Jesus' disciples:
although they loved him, they disappointed and failed him.

And yet, gathering with these imperfect friends at this last meal Jesus washed
their feet in service, and then extended the bread and cup to each.

Jesus called them to love one another, and invited them to share in his
very life and in his acceptance of the road ahead.

We are humbled, honored and inspired by the deep love Christ extended
to the world, and we take seriously the calling to be the body of Christ today.

Prelude

Adagio for Strings

Samuel Barber

* Call to Worship

Don Ewing

Leader: A table is set before us. A feast is prepared for us.

People: A meal of bread and wine, of meat and bitter herbs.

Leader: The Lord calls us to this supper of remembrance.

People: The Lord calls us to serve and to be served.

Leader: As we break the bread and share the cup,

People: Our understanding may fail us.

Leader: But we will never forget Christ's example.

People: We will never forget the full extent of his love.

* Hymn

Remember Me

O WALY WALY

Remember me — the God who saves — For back in Egypt you were slaves;
Then by my hand I set you free. Now keep my law. Remember me.

Remember me in bread and wine Whene'er you share this meal of mine.
I gave my life to set you free. With thanks and praise, remember me.

Remember me in all you do, For I'm alive! I walk with you.
I was, I am, and I shall be. O Christ I love, remember me.

* Evening Prayer

Laura Bentley

Call to Confession

Fred Barnes

Prayer of Confession *(In Unison)*

Hidden God, we bring to this sanctuary this night and place on this table,
our burdens and brokenness, our self-image bruised and hurting,
our fears, shame, doubts, and anxieties,
the raw materials we ask You to bless and change,
that in our dark tunnels we may begin to see light and in our desert
experiences we may find You.
(Moment for silent confession)

Assurance of Forgiveness

Anthem

Gathered In the Upper Room
Chancel Choir

Faye Lopez & Patrice Mock

Scripture Lesson

I Corinthians 11:23-26

Don Ewing

Sermon

“The Meal That Shapes Us.”

Don Ewing

Hymn #508

For the Bread Which You Have Broken

KINGDOM

For the bread which You have broken, For the wine which You have poured,
For the words which You have spoken, Now we give You thanks, O Lord.

By this promise that You love us, By Your gift of peace restored,
By Your call to heaven above us, Hallow all our lives, O Lord.

With the saints who now adore You Seated at the heavenly board,
May the Church still waiting for You Keep love's tie unbroken, Lord.

In Your service, Lord, defend us; In our hearts keep watch and ward.
In the world to which You send us Let Your kingdom come, O Lord.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

The Invitation

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors;

and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

The Words of Institution

The Receiving of the Elements

We will serve Communion by Intinction. Both pre-packaged and gluten free elements will be available in addition to the bread and juice.

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

A TIME OF SHADOWS

As we read Matthew's account of the Passion of our Lord, we will experience the growing shadows of sin and this world's darkness gathering around Jesus. We will extinguish lights and candles after each reading, ending in darkness.

Shadow of Desertion Matthew 26:30-35 Rich Pinkerton

Hymn #97 *Go to Dark Gethsemane* (verses 1 & 2) REDHEAD

Go to dark Gethsemane, All who feel the tempter's power;
Your Redeemer's conflict see, Watch with Him one bitter hour;
Turn not from His griefs away, Learn from Jesus Christ to pray.

Follow to the judgment hall; View the Lord of life arraigned;
O the worm-wood and the gall! O the pangs His soul sustained!
Shun not suffering, shame, or loss; Learn from Christ to bear the cross.

Shadow of Agonizing Spirit Matthew 26:36-46 Jennifer Stampfel

Solo *I Walked Today Where Jesus Walked*
Ken Dobbins, baritone Geoffrey O'Hara

Shadow of Betrayal Matthew 26:20-25 Don Ewing

Anthem *Come See the Place Where Jesus Prayed*
Chancel Choir John Carter

Shadow of Denial Matthew 26:69-75 Eileen Kinner

Hymn #93 *Ah, Holy Jesus* (verse 1) HERZLIEBSTER JESU

Ah, holy Jesus, how have You offended,
That mortal judgment has on You descended?
By foes derided, by Your own rejected, O most afflicted!

Shadow of Accusation Matthew 27:11-14, 20-26 Fred Barnes

Anthem *Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed* Gilbert Martin
Chancel Choir

Shadow of Crucifixion Matthew 27:27-38 Laura Bentley

Hymn #92 *Beneath the Cross of Jesus* (verse 1) ST. CHRISTOPHER

Beneath the cross of Jesus I fain would take my stand,
The shadow of a mighty rock Within a weary land;
A home within the wilderness, A rest upon the way,
From the burning of the noontide heat, And the burden of the day.

Shadow of Death Matthew 27:39-50 Don Ewing

Solo *Were You There?* SPIRITUAL
Diana Roth

DARKNESS

You are welcome to sit in darkness together for a moment until the lights come up. Please exit the Sanctuary in silence. This is the only worship service of the liturgical year that does not end with a benediction as we journey through Good Friday and await Jesus' Resurrection on Sunday morning.



PASTORAL TEAM

The Rev. Dr. Donald R. Ewing, Interim Pastor
The Rev. Laura A. Bentley, Associate Pastor
Mr. Frederic D. Barnes, Pastoral Care Associate & Director of AIC
Mr. Richard Pinkerton, Minister of Music
Ms. Jennifer Stampfel, Director of Children's Ministry