



Southminster Presbyterian Church

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

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Celebration of Worship Maundy Thursday ~ March 28, 2024 7:00 p.m.

Prelude

Meditation on "Penitentia"
Alice Jordan

Elizabeth LaRue

Call to Worship

Acts 2:42

Doug Marshall

* Hymn of Praise #513

Let Us Break Bread Together

Let us break bread together on our knees; (on our knees.)
Let us break bread together on our knees.
When I fall on my knees, With my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us drink wine together on our knees; (on our knees.)
Let us drink wine together on our knees.
When I fall on my knees, With my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us praise God together on our knees; (on our knees.)
Let us praise God together on our knees.
When I fall on my knees, With my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.

Prayer of Confession *(In Unison)*

Jennifer Stampfel

Eternal God, whose covenant with us is never broken, we confess that we fail to fulfill your will. Though you have bound yourself to us, we will not bind ourselves to you. In Jesus Christ you serve us freely, but we refuse your love and withhold ourselves from others. We do not love you fully or love one another as you command.

In your mercy, forgive and cleanse us. Lead us once again to your table and unite us to Christ, who is the bread of life and the vine from which we grow in grace ...

(Moment of Silent Prayer)

Assurance of Forgiveness

Leader: This saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance,

People: Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners.

Leader: Sisters and brothers, believe the good news:

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

ALL: The Lord's name be praised!

Offertory

Gathered in the Upper Room
Faye Lopez and Patricia Mock

Celebration of The Last Supper

Matthew 26:17-29

Jesus in the Upper Room

The Lord's Supper

The 1st candle is extinguished.

The Passion of the Lord Jesus Christ

Anthem

Come See the Place Where Jesus Prayed
Mary Kay Beall and John Carter

Matthew 26:31-56

Jesus in Gethsamane

Beth Frear-Hosking

The 2nd candle is extinguished.

*** Hymn of Judgment #93**

Ah, Holy Jesus v. 1-3

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, Lord, that has undone you.
'Twas I, Lord Jesus, I it was that denied you. I crucified You.

For me, dear Jesus, was Your incarnation,
Your mortal sorrow, and Your life's oblation,
Your death of anguish and Your bitter passion, For my salvation.

Matthew 26:57-75

Jesus Before the Sanhedrin

Eileen Kinner

The 3rd candle is extinguished.

*** Hymn of Sacrifice**

Lamb of God v. 1-2

Your only Son, no sin to hide,
But you have sent Him from Your side
To walk upon this guilty sod
And to become the Lamb of God

[Chorus]

Oh Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God,
I love the holy Lamb of God.
O wash me in His precious blood.
My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

Your gift of love, they crucified.
They laughed and scorned Him as He died.
The humble King they named a fraud
And sacrificed the Lamb of God. *[Chorus]*

Matthew 27:1-26

Jesus Before Pilot

*The 4th candle is extinguished.**** Hymn of the Cross #92**

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

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.

Upon the cross of Jesus Mine eye at times can see
 The very dying form of One Who suffered there for me:
 And from my stricken heart with tears Two wonders I confess:
 The wonders of redeeming love And my unworthiness.

Matthew 27:27-44

Jesus' Crucifixion

Sermon

What's on Your Price Tag

*The 5th candle is extinguished.***Anthem**

Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed
 Gilbert M. Martin

Matthew 27:45-54

Jesus' Death

*The 6th candle is extinguished.**** Hymn of the Cross #98***O Sacred Head, Now Wounded v. 1-2*

O sacred head, now wounded, With grief and shame weighed down;
 Now scornfully surrounded With thorns, Thine only crown;
 O sacred head, what glory, What bliss till now was Thine!
 Yet, though despised and gory, I joy to call Thee mine.

What Thou, my Lord, hast suffered Was all for sinners' gain:
 Mine, mine was the transgression, But Thine the deadly pain.
 Lo, here I fall, my Savior! 'Tis I deserve Thy place;
 Look on me with Thy favor, Vouchsafe to me Thy grace

Isaiah 53:1-12

The Suffering Servant

*The 7th Candle is extinguished.***Solo***Were You There?*

Diana Roth

** If you are able, please stand.***Darkness**

You are welcome to sit in the darkness and meditate on Christ's death on the cross. After a short time the lights will come up and you are free to leave. Please exit the Sanctuary in silence.

The Lord's Supper

Members of the congregation will be invited to come down the center aisle in groups of about ten. Each group will gather around the table to receive the elements, after which you may return to your seat by the side aisles. If you are in one of the transepts, please go up the side aisle beyond the pillars, across one of the pews, to the center aisle, where you will be invited into a group. If you are unable to come to the table, or prefer to receive the elements in your seat, please let the usher know. We will bring the elements to you.

Thought for Meditation

Jesus has many lovers of his heavenly kingdom these days, but few of them carry his cross. He has many who desire comfort, but few who desire affliction. He has many friends to share his meals, but few to share his fasts. Everyone is eager to rejoice with him, but few are willing to endure anything for him. Many follow Jesus up to the breaking of the bread, but few as far as drinking from the chalice of his Passion. Many admire his miracles, but few pursue the shame of the cross.

Thomas à Kempis

We welcome with gratitude Dr. Elizabeth LaRue as our organist this evening.



Welcome

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