



March 29, 2020
10:30 am Horizon Service
**“The Last Supper: Risking the Loss of
Friends”**
Week Five of Lent



GUESTS, Welcome to worship. To learn more about us, please visit our website at www.unionucc.org or like us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/unionneffs

If you would like us to follow up with you contact Pastor Kris at 610-767-6961, pastorkris@unionucc.org

Our next new member information session will be held on May 3 and 10. You will be welcomed as members in worship on Sunday, May 17. If you are interested in attending classes for new members let us know and we'd be glad to send you more information. Please contact Pastor Kris with any questions.

We believe in extravagant welcome. We believe in God's inclusive love. We start worship with a greeting that reflects that welcome and love.

Leader: No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey and on faith's journey

ALL: you are welcome here.

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**IN WORSHIP THIS MORNING,
PLEASE USE THE BLACK HYMNALS.**

* indicates standing **C** = Congregation **L** = Leader **P** = Pastor

PRELUDE

O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing Charles Wesley and
Carl G. Glazer (Arr. Bruce Greer)



The events of Christ's Passion, which take place during the last week of Jesus' life, often don't receive enough time in our worship and study. These stories are important to our faith journey and our identity as followers of Jesus. And yet we often move too quickly from Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday with little time to take in the dramatic story of that last week. Throughout the six weeks of Lent we will "freeze-frame" moments in Holy Week so we might put ourselves in the picture, thereby "Entering the Passion of Jesus." How might taking a closer look at the ancient story open us to deeper conviction for our role in its ongoing message?

Inspired by Amy-Jill Levine's book "The Passion of Jesus" which our adult classes are studying. Ask Pastor Kris if you'd like a copy of the book.

THE GREETING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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② **You are welcome here**

*THE OPENING HYMN

BLACK HYMNAL #524 This Little Light of Mine

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine

Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine

Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

① We continue on our journey through Lent as we step inside the heartbreaking story of saying goodbye to friends. We put ourselves in the picture of Holy Week so that we might take a closer look and let the ancient story open us to listen to one another and treasure each other—all equal and precious in the eyes of God.

Solo or Choir:

Enter

Enter the story

Enter the place you belong

Not just looking on

For this is *your* story

Enter the story

Enter

Come enter the story

Enter the place you belong

Not just looking on

For this is *your* story

Enter the story

L Jesus' words at the Last Supper were shocking to those in attendance. His words can seem familiar, even comforting to us because we hear these words every time we have communion. But at the moment of their utterance, they were anything but "usual." This week we enter the scene of that last supper long enough to get a grasp of the shock that would have rippled through Jesus' friends. Partaking of body and blood? Not kosher! A "Lord" washing feet like a servant? Unbelievable! Breaking bread with the enemy? What?! But Jesus knew his time was up. And it was time for the disciples to get the message, even if it came in a shocking way: love one another as I have loved you—by serving, forgiving, freeing, communing—becoming one with—God.

ALL (Sung):

Enter

Enter the passion

Enter the place we belong

Not just looking on

For this is *our* passion

Enter the passion

Enter

Enter the passion

Enter the place we belong

Not just looking on

For this is *our* passion

Enter the passion

Enter the story...

Enter the passion...

Enter his passion.

***PRAYER**

L Let us pray together:

C Sometimes we just aren't paying attention.

We can keep our heads in the sand

**when we really need to attend to difficult situations,
or the needs of your people.**

Forgive us, O God.

Guard us from distancing ourselves,

and help us to care for what's right in front of us.

**You entered our story through Jesus,
now help us to enter fully into the story
of your kin-dom on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.**

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

L Know this: Our lives contain continual opportunities
to be in humble service to friends and strangers.
You are forgiven and freed,
encouraged and loved
by a God who wants you to live fully.
Let us enter the passion of Christ,
and pass the peace of Christ with each other.

THE READING OF SCRIPTURE

The Gospel of Luke 4:16-21(New Testament, page 61)

DWELLING IN THE STORY

(A dramatic reading and kind of “midrash” based on the artwork)
Mark 14: 3-9

Solo/Choir:

Enter
Enter the story
Enter the place you belong
Not just looking on
For this is *your* story
Enter the story

ALL (Sung):

Enter
Enter the passion
Enter the place we belong
Not just looking on
For this is *our* passion
Enter the passion
Enter the story...
Enter the passion...
Enter his passion.



Paynter, David, 1900-1975. Detail from the mural of Jesus washing the disciples' feet, from Art in the Christian Tradition, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN. [http:// diglib.library.vanderbilt.edu/ act-imagelink.pl?RC=54318](http://diglib.library.vanderbilt.edu/act-imagelink.pl?RC=54318). Original source: [https:// www.flickr.com/photos/gillpoole/182397726/](https://www.flickr.com/photos/gillpoole/182397726/).

THE MESSAGE

Risking the Loss of Friends

Rev. Kayli Freeman

Book Recommendation that will be used for this worship theme in Lent - Entering the Passion of Jesus: A Beginner's Guide to Holy Week by Amy-Jill Levine

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and LORD'S PRAYER

ALL: (Sung)

Turn your eyes upon Jesus

Look full on his wonderful face

And the things of earth will grow strangely dim

In the light of his wonder and grace

**ALL: 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,
for ever. Amen.**

**ALL: (Sung)
Turn your eyes upon Jesus
Look full on his wonderful face
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim
In the light of his wonder and grace**

THE OFFERING AND OFFERTORY

WAYS TO GIVE and SUPPORT UNION UCC'S Ministry and Mission

DONATE ONLINE with your Credit or Debit Card Go to <http://www.unionucc.org/resources/giving-and-sponsorship/ways-to-give/> and click on **GIVE ONLINE** button.

TEXT TO GIVE Send a text to **610-857-7023** with the amount you would like to contribute. Include the \$ sign. You'll be sent a text with directions to register.

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OFFERING ENVELOPES you can mail your envelopes to the church during this time when we aren't gathering in person.

EASTER MISSION OFFERING

We are collecting financial donations now through Easter Sunday for the following two missions:

The Rescue Mission in Allentown. They are a non-denominational, Christian, social services organization, which provides critically-needed goods and services to homeless and impoverished men. The Mission is not a church, but does cooperate with many different churches that are concerned about poverty and homelessness.

The American Cancer Society of the Lehigh Valley is on a mission to free the world from cancer. Until that day comes, the ACS will be funding and conducting research, sharing expert information, supporting patients, and spreading the word about prevention all through innovative, community driven events, and programs.

You can support this effort by making a check to Union UCC and placing it in your EASTER MISSION offering envelope in your packet or by placing it in any envelope with Easter Mission on the memo line or by donating online with the same note.

MUSIC OFFERING

The Lord's Prayer

Albert Hay Malotte

***BLESSING**

🕒 Each week we invite you to take photos—to capture artful “life moments” through the lens of your camera and post to our church social media with the hashtag “#lifeframe” and “#[unionuccneffs]”. If you are not on social media, or rather not do this, we invite you to be mindful and aware of artful life moments through the week and hold them in your mind and heart.

So we have begun.

This season we will put a frame around a bit of life

we'll section off a scene,
we'll look long into a face,
to see what we can see,
to know what we can know.

Just as we have done with the art and story today,
zoom in your focus on the art and story of life all through
the week.

The Divine Artist offers us such poignant beauty each day
in our own stories,
in the stories around us,
in the heartbreak and pain and joy and awe
of a simple moment turned significant.

That's what happens when we put a frame around it.
We zoom in
for an existential close-up
and search for clues
for living this life with more
attention and intention.

May you be blessed by the sacred frames
that surround the moments of your life
that you dare not miss.
Amen.

***Silent Prayer**

***POSTLUDE**

Abide With Me

Henry Francis Lyte

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**Thank you to our Worship Decorating Team: Kathy
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