



April 10, 2020
The Last Supper: The Rest of the Story
Good Friday



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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Lay Readers: Claire Kern, Carol Pope, Michael Roth, Janice Metzger, Dan Topp, Jacob Roth, Kathy Bonsell

PRELUDE

Via Dolorosa

Billy Sprague and Niles Borop



THE GREETING

Directions for Communion: Everyone is welcome to this meal of love and grace. Tonight since we are worshipping virtually we invite you to take communion virtually. Please find a cracker, piece of bread or something to represent the body of Christ. And please find some juice, wine or water to represent the blood of Christ. When we get to that part of the service, the pastors will bless the elements and bless us as we share in this meal together.

THE OPENING HYMN

GOLD HYMNAL #107 Amazing Grace

Amazing Grace, How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost, but now am found
T'was blind but now I see

Through many dangers, toils and snares
We have already come.
T'was grace that brought us safe thus far
And grace will lead us home.

CALL TO WORSHIP

LWe have been on quite a journey during these last six weeks of Lent. We have put ourselves in the stories of Holy Week for some time now because they are important to our faith journey and our identity as followers of Jesus. We have “freeze-framed” moments in Holy Week so we might put ourselves in the picture, and “Enter the Passion of Jesus.”

Solo or Choir:

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

ALL:

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

LTonight, the characters we have experienced by zooming into the works of art will step into *our* picture. We will hear from them again, but this time they come to us knowing “the rest of the story.” Some of you may remember Paul Harvey’s radio show where he would tell a story, set up the dilemma, but after the commercial break, he would come back and tell “the rest of the story”—he would offer some surprising twist. Holy Week is a time to mourn the continued suffering in the world. But we do so knowing the surprising twist of the story of Jesus. We are Easter people as we live in the post-resurrection era that reminds us that suffering and death is overcome when we follow Jesus’ command to be the agents of change in a world that so desperately needs a word of resurrection hope.

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.

THE GOOD FRIDAY MEDITATION and TENEBRAE SERVICE

1 Tenebrae is Latin for "shadows" or "darkness" and is a Christian religious service celebrated during Holy Week, before Easter. Tenebrae is distinctive for its gradual extinguishing of candles while a series of scriptures are read. The purpose of the service is to recreate the betrayal, abandonment, and agony of the passion of Christ, and it is left unfinished, because the story isn't over until Easter Day.

The Parade

Lay Reader: Claire Kern

The Temple

Lay Reader: Carol Pope

GOLD HYMNAL #283 What Wondrous Love Is This?

Verse 1

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!

What wondrous love is this, O my soul!

What wondrous love is this,

That caused the Lord of bliss,

To bear the dreadful curse,

**For my soul, for my soul,
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul.**

The Teaching

Lay Reader: Michael Roth

HYMN GOLD HYMNAL #283 What Wondrous Love Is This?

Verse 2

**To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing!
To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing!
To God and to the Lamb, Who is the great "I AM, "
While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing!
While millions join the theme, I will sing.**

The First Supper

Lay Reader: Janice Metzger

HYMN GOLD HYMNAL #283 What Wondrous Love Is This?

Verse 3

**And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on!
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on,
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be,
And thro' eternity, I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
And thro' eternity, I'll sing on.**

THE OFFERING AND OFFERTORY

MUSIC OFFERING

New Again
Julie Lane

Brad Paisley, Sara Evans

Donate to God's Mission and Ministry at UNION UCC

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<http://www.unionucc.org/egive.pdf> and return it to the church office. financialmanager@unionucc.org

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EASTER MISSION OFFERING We are collecting financial donations now through Easter Sunday for the follow two missions:

The Rescue Mission in Allentown. Provides critically-needed goods and services to homeless and impoverished men.

The American Cancer Society of the Lehigh Valley is on a mission to free the world from cancer.

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 and placing it in the mail or by donating online with the same note .

HOLY COMMUNION

The Last Supper

Lay Reader: Dan Topp

LIt is right, and a good and joyful thing,
always and everywhere to give thanks to you,
Divine Artist, creator of heaven and earth.
Your brushstrokes evoked the whole of your palette,
making all creation into your colorful images.

You breathed into us the breath of life
and framed us with the Story of Love.
When we turn away, and our love fades
like a work of art long neglected,
you restore us to original glory.

You delivered us from captivity,
made covenant to be our sovereign God,
and spoke to us through your prophets.

And so,
with your people on earth
and all the company of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SUNG:

**Holy, holy, holy, God of the heavenly host;
Heaven and earth are full, are full of the majesty of
your glory,
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest!
Blessed the one who comes in the name of our God,
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

L Holy are you, and blessed is your Son, Jesus Christ.
You knew we needed a closeup encounter with you,
and you zoomed in the lens to meet us face to face.
Your Spirit anointed him
to preach good news to the poor,
to proclaim release to the captives
and recovering of sight to the blind,
to set at liberty those who are oppressed,
and to announce that the time had come
when you would save your people.
He healed the sick, fed the hungry, and ate with sinners.

Holy God, your work astounds us, in its power and
promise.
By his baptism, our call is established;
by his suffering, our pain is companioned;
by his resurrection, our own lives are renewed.
By this covenant, the Spirit lives in us.
In that last week, events public and private
began to lead to a moment in which he surrounded
himself with his dearest friends.
Who among us would not do the same
if we knew our time was drawing to a close?

Ⓛ Time stood still—life in stark relief—
as he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread,
gave it to his disciples, and said:
“Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.”

When the supper was over, he took the cup,
gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said:

“Drink from this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
poured out for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.”

Ⓛ I invite you to open your palms upward.
Take a moment to be still, to “freeze frame” this moment.
This IS “the rest of the story.”
It is here that we come to be transformed by God’s grace
into the beautiful story God intends.
Know that all we must do is open ourselves to receive.
The master artist of this moment—of all moments—
is at work to restore us even now.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Make them be for us the love of Christ,
so that we may be for the world the body of Christ,
redeemed by this love.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ,
one with each other,
and one in ministry to all the world,
all honor and glory is yours, almighty God,
now and forever.
Amen.

SHARING THE BREAD and CUP

① The bread of life. The cup of the new covenant. We receive both as we remember our friend and family member, and Savior Jesus the Christ. The gifts of God for the people of God. Take and eat, take and drink.

MUSIC OFFERING

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded Passion Chorale,
Hassler, JS Bach
Jacob Roth

The Passion

John 18:1-19:42



<https://www.brooklynmuseum.org/opencollection/objects/13508>

LThis painting by James Tissot is titled “What the Savior Saw from the Cross.” For over six weeks we have been taking various perspectives in the story. But never this one. This perspective from the cross is Jesus’ view. He looks down and sees with the eyes of compassion. For all of us. The Good News is not just that life wins out over death in the resurrection, but also that from the cross, in the moment of sheer agony, Jesus’ passion was compassion for the suffering of humanity. God knows our pain.

The Passion

John 18:1-19:42

The Garden

Lay Reader: Jacob Roth

The Passion

John 18:1-19:42

***THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**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,
Forever and ever. Amen.**

Music Offering

Were You There? American Folk Melody

Abby Kern

THE DISMISSAL

We usually leave this service in silence.

Blessings on your vigil until Easter morning.

May you know God's light, love, courage, strength, and grace in the journey.

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