

**READERS**

- Debbie Young
- Karl Schmidt
- Margaret Cosentino
- Bruce Campbell
- Maya Cooley
- Terry Paige
- Mim Case
- Brice Weigman
- Judy Hopkins
- Andrew Oden
- Kathy Reitnour
- Warren Torraca
- Jeanie Little
- Emma Cole
- Nicole Torraca
- Mike Jordan

**ACOLYTES:** Levi Webb, Tobias Webb

**MUSICIANS:** Judy Congdon, organ; Amanda Cox, piano

***Good Friday JOURNEY TO THE CROSS***  
*in the Community Room*  
*Come and go 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.*

***Our Easter Morning Schedule***  
*Resurrection Service and Baptism: 7:45 a.m.*  
*Easter Breakfast: 8:30 a.m. (Community Room)*  
*Easter Worship Service: 10:00 a.m.*

**HOUGHTON WESLEYAN CHURCH**

**MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE**

**APRIL 18, 2019**

**7:00 PM**

**O**n this night we remember the final supper Jesus shares with His disciples in the context of Passover. This event, which reveals the holiness of all subsequent meals eaten in His Name, institutes the mystery of His abiding redemptive presence in the church’s celebrations of the Lord’s Supper. The word “Maundy” comes from the Latin *mandatum*, which means “command.” It describes this night because Jesus tells His disciples in John 13:34, *A new command I give you: Love one another*. This evening also marks the beginning of the most solemn and joyful celebration of the entire Christian year. We enter what St. Augustine referred to as “the *triduum* during which the Lord died, was buried, and rose again.”

*—From Ashes to Fire*

**PRELUDE:** *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded* .....arr. Robert Farrell

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** .....Pastor Jon Cole  
 “Render your hearts and not your garments,” says the Lord.  
 Return to the Lord your God.

**For He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger  
 And abounding in steadfast love.**

*With what shall I come before the Lord,  
 And bow myself before God on High?*

**He has showed us what is good;  
 and what does the Lord require of us,  
 but to do justice, and to love kindness,  
 and to walk humbly with our God?**

**\*HYMN 150: *Go to Dark Gethsemane***

**CONFESSON AND PARDON** .....Pastor Paul Shea  
 My sisters and brothers,

Christ shows us His love by becoming a humble servant.  
 Let us draw near to God and confess our sin in the truth of God’s Spirit.

**Most merciful God, we your church confess  
 that often our spirit has not been that of Christ.**

**Where we have failed to love one another as He loves us,  
 where we have pledged loyalty to Him with our lips  
 and then betrayed, deserted or denied Him,**

**forgive us, we pray,  
 and by Your Spirit make us faithful in every time of trial;  
 through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

*(Silence for individual confession)*

Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ.  
 But Christ suffered and died for us,

was raised from the dead and ascended on high for us,  
and continues to intercede for us.

Believe the good news:

If you have confessed your sins,  
in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

**Glory to God. Amen.**

**SCRIPTURE LESSON:** Exodus 12:1-14 (page 65).....Pastor Laurie Smalley

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

*People: Thanks be to God!*

**SCRIPTURE LESSON:** 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 (page 1136) .....Austen Kewin

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**\*SONG:** *What Wondrous Love Is This?* (on screen)

**\*GOSPEL LESSON:** John 13:1-17, 31-38 (page 1066) .....Pastor Cindy Oden

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

*People: Thanks be to God!*

**SERMON:** *Mandatum* .....Pastor Wes Oden

**HYMN 152:** *O Love Divine, What Hast Thou Done?*

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Blessed are you, Lord our God...

Therefore, with your people in all ages and the whole company of heaven,  
we join in the song of unending praise, saying:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

Most holy and merciful God...

**THE LORD'S SUPPER**

(The elements of Communion will be distributed at the altar rail. If you are  
unable to kneel, please feel free to sit in the front row of chairs; the pastors  
will bring the bread to you there.)

**SONG: *The Power of the Cross***

Oh to see the dawn of the darkest day, Christ on the road to Calvary  
Tried by sinful men, torn and beaten, then, Nailed to a cross of wood

**This the power of the cross, Christ became sin for us**

**Took the blame, bore the wrath, We stand forgiven at the cross**

Oh to see the pain written on Your face, Bearing the awesome weight of sin  
Every bitter thought, every evil deed, Crowning Your bloodstained brow

**(Chorus)**

Now the daylight flees, now the ground beneath

Quakes as its Maker bows His head

Curtain torn in two, dead are raised to life, Finished, the victory cry

**(Chorus)**

Oh to see my name written in the wounds,

For through Your suffering, I am free

Death is crushed to death, life is mine to live, Won through Your selfless love

**This the power of the cross, Son of God slain for us**

**What a love, what a cost, We stand forgiven at the cross**

**THE STRIPPING OF THE CHURCH**

A vivid and dramatic symbolism of the desolation and abandonment of the long night in Gethsemane is the stripping of the altar table and the removal of all textile hangings and candles. Dating from the seventh century, it began for the purpose of cleaning and washing in preparation for Easter. But the stark, bare church reflected so clearly the tone of the occasion that the stripping became a ceremony in its own right. In a matter of minutes, the visual aspect of the room is completely changed, and the church remains bare until Easter Eve or Morn, when the process is reversed. —From *Ashes to Fire*

**A SERVICE OF TENEBRAE**

A service of Tenebrae or “Darkness” is based on the twelfth-century late night/early morning service and is an extended meditation on the passion of Christ. After each of the sixteen readings, a candle is extinguished. Finally, the last candle, The Christ Candle, will be extinguished, and the stripping of the church will be completed.

**BENEDICTION**

Please exit the Sanctuary in silence, contemplating the death of Christ.

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