

First Presbyterian Church of Ithaca, Michigan



Maundy Thursday
Thursday, April 17, 2019
6:30pm

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Supper & Service**

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** indicates that the congregation may stand as they are able.
Bold text indicates where the congregation joins in unison.*

WE GATHER TOGETHER

Responsive Psalm

Psalm 36:5-11

Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the heavens,
your faithfulness to the clouds.

**Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains,
your judgments are like the great deep;
you save humans and animals alike, O LORD.**

How precious is your steadfast love, O God!

All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

**They feast on the abundance of your house,
and you give them drink from the river of your delights.**

For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light.

**O continue your steadfast love to those who know you,
and your salvation to the upright of heart!**

**Do not let the foot of the arrogant tread on me,
or the hand of the wicked drive me away.**

Prayer of the Day

O God, your love is embodied in Jesus Christ, who washed disciples' feet on the night of his betrayal. Wash us from the stain of sin, so that, in the hour of danger, we may not fail, but follow your Son through every trial, and praise him always as Lord and Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WE GATHER AROUND THE TABLE

You are invited to start eating as soon as you are seated.

The service will continue as we have supper.

The First Reading

The Upper Room

Silent Reflection

Responsive Psalm

Psalm 71:1-14

In you, O LORD, I take refuge; let me never be put to shame.

In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me;

incline your ear to me and save me.

Be to me a rock of refuge, a strong fortress, to save me,
for you are my rock and my fortress.

**Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked,
from the grasp of the unjust and cruel.**

For you, O Lord, are my hope, my trust, O LORD, from my youth.

Upon you I have leaned from my birth;

it was you who took me from my mother's womb.

My praise is continually of you.

I have been like a portent to many, but you are my strong refuge.

My mouth is filled with your praise, and with your glory all day long.

Do not cast me off in the time of old age;

do not forsake me when my strength is spent.

For my enemies speak concerning me,

and those who watch for my life consult together.

They say, "Pursue and seize that person whom God has forsaken,
for there is no one to deliver."

O God, do not be far from me; O my God, make haste to help me!

Let my accusers be put to shame and consumed;

let those who seek to hurt me be covered with scorn and disgrace.

But I will hope continually, and will praise you yet more and more.

Hymn

Go to Dark Gethsemane

vs. 1

***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 grief away, Learn from Jesus Christ to pray.***

*You are invited to clear your place,
and travel to the chapel where we will continue our service.*

WE FOLLOW CHRIST TO THE GARDEN

The Second Reading

Gethsemane

Silent Reflection

Responsive Psalm

Psalm 70

Be pleased, O God, to deliver me. O LORD, make haste to help me!

Let those be put to shame and confusion who seek my life.

Let those be turned back and brought to dishonor
who desire to hurt me.

Let those who say, "Aha, Aha!" turn back because of their shame.

Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you.

Let those who love your salvation say evermore, "God is great!"

But I am poor and needy; hasten to me, O God!

You are my help and my deliverer; O LORD, do not delay!

Hymn

Go to Dark Gethsemane

vs. 2

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

Please move to the sanctuary as we sing.

WE JOURNEY TO THE COURTYARD

The Third Reading

Denial

Silent Reflection

Responsive Psalm Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19

I love the LORD, because he has heard
my voice and my supplications.

**Because he inclined his ear to me,
therefore I will call on him as long as I live.**

What shall I return to the LORD for all his bounty to me?

**I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD,
I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people.**

Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his faithful ones.

**O LORD, I am your servant; I am your servant,
the child of your serving girl. You have loosed my bonds.**

I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice
and call on the name of the LORD.

**I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people,
in the courts of the house of the LORD, in your midst, O Jerusalem.**

Hymn

Go to Dark Gethsemane

vs. 3

***Calvary's mournful mountain climb; There, adoring at His feet,
Mark the miracle of time, God's own sacrifice complete;
"It is finished!" hear Him cry; Learn from Jesus Christ to die.***

CHRIST IS TAKEN TO TRIAL

Responsive Reading

Job 14:1-14

"A mortal, born of woman, few of days and full of trouble,
comes up like a flower and withers,
flees like a shadow and does not last.

Do you fix your eyes on such a one?

Do you bring me into judgment with you?

Who can bring a clean thing out of an unclean? No one can.

Since their days are determined, and the number of their months is known to you, and you have appointed the bounds that they cannot pass, look away from them, and desist, that they may enjoy, like laborers, their days.

"For there is hope for a tree, if it is cut down, that it will sprout again, and that its shoots will not cease. Though its root grows old in the earth, and its stump dies in the ground, yet at the scent of water it will bud and put forth branches like a young plant.

But mortals die, and are laid low; humans expire, and where are they? As waters fail from a lake, and a river wastes away and dries up, so mortals lie down and do not rise again; until the heavens are no more, they will not awake or be roused out of their sleep.

Oh that you would hide me in Sheol, that you would conceal me until your wrath is past, that you would appoint me a set time, and remember me! If mortals die, will they live again? All the days of my service I would wait until my release should come.

The Fourth Reading

The Trial

Let us depart in silence, into the mystery of Lent.

We Continue Our Journey Through Holy Week

Good Friday – April 18

Tenebrae Service – 12:00pm
Ithaca First Presbyterian Church

Community Service – 6:30pm
Ithaca United Methodist Church

Easter Sunday Services – April 21

Sonrise Service – 8:00am
Easter Brunch – 9:00am
Traditional Service – 10:30am

Holy Humor Sunday – April 28

Join us for a fun service of resurrection frivolity!
10:30am

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