

Newman Congregational Church, UCC

"No matter who you are, Or where you are on life's journey ... You're welcome here!"

An Open and Affirming Congregation of the United Church of Christ

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MAUNDY THURSDAY



March 28, 2024 @ 7pm

MISSION STATEMENT

We are an inclusive Christian community dedicated to living Jesus' message of love, peace and justice through joyful worship, compassionate service, radical hospitality and responsible stewardship.

OPENING MUSIC

To Mock Your Reign

Thomas Tallis (1505-1585)

WELCOME

*HYMN

Ah, Holy Jesus, How Hast Thou Offended

PH #163

CALL TO WORSHIP – *responsive*

One: We gather to commemorate our Lord's observance of the Jewish Passover,
Many: which ends with the response, "All that the Lord has spoken we will do, and we will be faithful."

One: We gather to commemorate our Lord's institution of Holy Communion,
Many: which ends with the Lord's assurance, "This is my blood, shed for you."

One: We gather to celebrate Holy Communion and renew our covenant with the Lord and one another.

All: All that the Lord shall speak we will do, and we will be faithful.

One: Let us pray.

All: O Merciful God, tonight we take our place at the table of our Lord. When He predicts betrayal, let us examine not our neighbors but ourselves. When He predicts falling away, let us remember that the crow of the cock is heard whenever one of our neighbors is denied access to needed resources. When He is arrested, let us feel not only the pain, but the shame of guilt. Then as we anticipate His impending death, empower us so to live with forgiveness and love that Jesus did not die in vain. Amen.

ANTHEM

When Jesus Wept

William Billings (1746-1800)

HEART TO HEART

*HYMN

What Wondrous Love Is This

NCH #223

SCRIPTURE

John 13: 31 - 35

SERMON

"The Seven Last Words of Christ"

ANTHEM

Pie Jesu from "Requiem" Maurice Duruflé (1902-1986)
Barbara Youmans, mezzo soprano ~ Jonne Gomes, viola

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER – *in unison (using "Debts" and "Debtors")*

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.

COMMUNION

*HYMN

Were You There?

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BENEDICTION

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WORSHIP TEAM

Rev. Dr. Laurene Bowers, Interim Minister
Christy Wynveen, Minister for Faith Formation
Sean Amato, Student Minister
Geoff Greene, Minister of Music
Becky Bass, Soprano Section Leader
Barbara Youmans, Alto Section Leader
Jonne Gomes, Bass Section Leader
Tom Lima, Audio Visual Specialist
Pam Sherrill, Lay Reader & Greeter