Wellesley Village Church

Congregational † United Church of Christ



Welcome to worship on this solemn and holy night.

"Maundy" is the old English translation of the Latin word *mandatum*, meaning commandment and "Tenebrae" is Latin for shadows or darkness.

Tonight, we remember this sacred story of love and shadows and find our place in it.

Many of the rituals of this night belong to ancient Christian tradition: the service of Tenebrae (readings and progressive darkness), closing the Bible, whispering the Lord's prayer and departing in silence.

April 14, 2022 7:30pm Maundy Thursday

ORDER OF WORSHIP

All hymns are found in the New Century Hymnal (black).
* Please stand as you are able.

PRELUDE "It is Most Wonderful to Know His Love for Me"

Philip Moore

Kristjon Imperio, organ

GREETING Rev. Dr. Sarah Sarchet Butter

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: In remembrance we gather

All: to be with the One who teaches us the meaning of faithfulness.

One: In remembrance we worship,

All: listening to the One who calls us to love one another.

One: In remembrance we feast,

All: breaking the bread which makes us whole,

drinking the cup which fills us with grace.

ANTHEM "A Lenten Love Song" Dan Forrest

Youth Choir; Dr. Kevin McDonald, Director

UNISON PRAYER

God of light and shadows, we have come here this night to enter your story. We have come to share in Jesus' journey, though we do not fully understand it. We long to follow his example: to serve as he served, to love as he loved. Give us the strength, O God, to walk with Jesus all along this Lenten journey, that we might more fully comprehend your love. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 26:20-29

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Pam Emslie

HYMN NO. 225 "It Was a Sad and Solemn Night"

SHARING THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation Megan Berkowitz

Communion Prayer Words of Institution

*Sharing Bread and Cup

We celebrate an open table and welcome all to taste and see God's goodness here. The cup is grape juice and gluten-free elements are available by the piano.

Communion Music "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded, Op. 122, No. 10" J. Brahms

Prayer after Communion

All: Thank you, God, for fullness of life in your Spirit, for love that cannot die, for peace the world cannot give, for joy in the company of friends, for the splendors of creation, and for the mission of healing justice that you have given us. Bear the fruits of this holy communion in our daily lives: love for neighbors, forgiveness of enemies, the will to serve you every day and trust you in all things, and life that never ends. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 14:26-31, 32-42

The Gethsemene Prayer CeCe Hansen

ANTHEM

"Not My Will But Thine"
Youth Choir

THIRD SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 14:43-50

The Kiss of Betrayal and Desertion Diane Seaborn

FOURTH SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 14:53-72

The Trial before Caiaphas, and Peter's Denial Kevin McDonald

MUSIC

"Andante con moto" (from *Suite of Six Short Pieces*) *R. Vaughan Williams* Kristjon Imperio, harpsichord

FIFTH SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 15:1-15

The Trial Before Pilate John Snyder

SIXTH SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 15:16-20

The Mocking and the Cry to Crucify Pam Emslie

ANTHEM

"And the Crowd Cried Out"

Arr. Hal H. Hopson

Youth Choir

SEVENTH SCRIPTURE READING

John 1:1-5, 10, 14, 18, 3:19

Extinguishing of Final Candles and the Closing of the Word

Sarah Sarchet Butter

OUR LORD'S PRAYER whispered, as in ancient tradition

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

DEPART IN SILENCE

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Lay Leadership

John Snyder ~ Moderator Kathy Schleyer ~ Vice Moderator Cynthia Sibold ~ Immediate Past Moderator

Senior Pastor

The Rev. Dr. Sarah Sarchet Butter

Associate Pastors

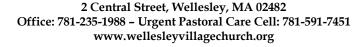
The Rev. Pam Emslie The Rev. Diane Seaborn

Pastoral Resident

The Rev. Bob Feeny The Rev. Megan Berkowitz

Ministry Directors

Michaela McDonald – Children's Ministry Kristjon Imperio – Organist; Handbell Choir Director Dr. Kevin McDonald – Interim Director of Music





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