

A TIME OF SILENT MEDITATION

Enter the sanctuary in silence meditating on the meaning of this service.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Mary Hurley

Leader: Let us come together in the spirit of thanksgiving and humble gratitude.

People: We remember this special night from long ago.

Leader: Let us give God praise for that supper of forgiveness and dedication.

People: Come, Lord Jesus, feed us your meal of salvation and hope.

*HYMN OF PURPOSE

"O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"

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*UNISON INVOCATION

Be present to us, gracious heavenly Creator, in this service of tender, aching remembrance. Let us experience, with proper contrition and humility, the event we are commemorating: our Lord's last supper with His disciples. Let us identify candidly with the confusion and doubts of the Twelve, even the accomplished treachery of one of them. Inspire us once again with our Lord's courage, with His refusal of the sword, with His forgiveness extended both to His enemies and to His friends. Help us to break bread together in His spirit. Amen.

ANTHEM

Combined Choir

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" (arr. G. Martin)

DRAMATIC READING

"The Widower Host" Mark 14: 12-16

Bill Barrett

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Pastor Bill Wassner

Long ago the companions of Jesus went with him into Jerusalem. Among them were Thomas, a man given to grave doubts; Mary, a woman who longed for a happy ending; Peter, who had trouble facing himself, and Judas, whose bitterness about not being in charge was growing day by day. Sensing danger everywhere, they listened anxiously as Jesus spoke about generosity, abundance, sorrow and love.

In our times, we are still alert to danger, and perhaps as confused as they. Aware of our limits, and of Jesus' strength, we come to this table, knowing hard times are at hand and opening our hands to God, who gives us what we need in our times.

Leader: On the night of his arrest Jesus took bread, and after giving thanks to God, broke it and said, "This is my body which is for you; do this remembering me."

People: After supper Jesus took the cup and said, "This is the cup of the new covenant; whenever you drink it, do so remembering me."

UNISON PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor Mary

In the end, as in the beginning, God is God: loved by us, wanted by us, praised by us, served by us, filling us with the gifts of the Spirit, making us whole for the good of the earth. For bread and wine, this place and time, thanks be to God. For the hope of peace on earth and the final song of joy, thanks be to God. Amen.

DISTRIBUTION OF EMBLEMS

SPECIAL MUSIC

Kasey Gathercole & Katie Maurer

"Broken and Beautiful" (Doerksen and Fox)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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. Amen.**



The lights will be dimmed.

LITANY OF SCRIPTURES AND CANDLES

I. John 18: 28-32

Jesus Taken to Pilate

The Extinguishing of First Candle

II. John 18: 33-38a

Pilate Questions Jesus

The Extinguishing of Second Candle

III. John 18: 38b-19:3

Jesus Whipped and Mocked

The Extinguishing of Candle Three

IV. John 19: 4-8

Jesus Frightens Pilate

The Extinguishing of Candle Four

SPECIAL MUSIC

"This Man" (Jeremy Camp)

Praise Singers

The lights will be dimmed.

V. John 19: 9-13

Jesus Judged by Pilate

The Extinguishing of Candle Five

VI. John 19: 14-17

Jesus Sentenced

The Extinguishing of Candle Six

VII. John 19: 18-22

Jesus Crucified

The Extinguishing of Candle Seven

ANTHEM

"Were You There?"

Traditional Choir

The Sanctuary will be darkened.

The Bible is Closed and the Christ Candle is Extinguished.

PLEASE DEPART IN SILENCE

Rev. Dr. William J. Wassner, Senior Pastor

Rev. Mary Hurley, Associate Pastor

Andrea Williams, Director of Traditional Music

Kasey Gathercole and Katie Maurer, Co-Directors of Discovery Music

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