

**Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ
Maundy Thursday**

March 29, 2018

7:00 p.m.

A Just Peace Church
An Open and Affirming Congregation
A God is Still Speaking Congregation



Our faith is 2000 years old; our thinking isn't.

A compassionate community, intentionally inclusive, openly searching, joyfully serving in the way of Christ

Silent Meditation

Risking Unknowing

"How should I prepare to find you? And wills nothing other than
In emptying myself of the chatter The word You speak in
Of my words, and opening myself The stillness I keep where
To the silence that allows me My wandering ceases and
To risk an unknowing that expects My wondering begins?"
Nothing and deserves nothing

~ Meister Eckhart's *Book of the Heart*,
Jon M. Sweeny & Mark Burrows

*Call to Gather

**Indicates congregation standing*

One: In remembrance of the night Jesus sat at the table with his disciples,
we gather:

All: We come with empty hands and open hearts.

One: In remembrance of the meal Jesus shared with his friends,
we gather:

All: We come to feast at the table of extravagant love.

One: In remembrance of our Lord Jesus Christ, we gather:

All: We come to eat the bread and drink the cup that make us whole.

*Hymn

"Come to the Table of Grace"

Capo 3: (D) F (A) C (Bm) Dm (D7/A) F7/C (G) B \flat

1 Come to the ta - ble of grace. Come to the

(A) C (D) F (A) C (D) F (Em) Gm

ta - ble of grace. This is God's ta - ble; it's

(D/A) F/A (G) B \flat (D/A) F/C (A7) C7 (D) F (G) B \flat (D) F

not yours or mine. Come to the ta - ble of grace.

2. Come to the table of hope... 3. Come to the table of love...

Silent Personal Reflection

Prayer of Confession

One: **O God, how often we fail you. With Judas, we chafe at your teachings and betray you. With Peter, we deny we have ever known you. With the religious elite, we question and resent you. With Pilate, we give up on you to please the crowds. With the doubters, we hesitate to believe in your words. With the indifferent, we fall silent as the soldiers crucify you. This heavy night reminds us of how you bore our failure to do what is right and was crushed by our fear to choose what is good. We remember how you suffered to make us whole, how you died to give us life. Cleanse us, Lord, and help us to love you with all our strength, heart, mind and soul. Amen.**

Congregational Response "Lamb of God"

Capo 3: (Bm7) (Em7) (Fmaj7) (Bb7)
 Dm7 Gm7 Abmaj7 Db7

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world: have

(Abmaj7) (Fm7) (Em7) (F#7)
 Cbmaj7 Abm7 Gm7 A7

mer - cy, have mer - cy on us.

(Bm7) (Em7) (Fmaj7) (Bb7)
 Dm7 Gm7 Abmaj7 Db7

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world:

(Abmaj7) (Fm7) (G2)
 Cbmaj7 Abm7 Bb2

grant us, O grant us your peace.

Paul's Epistle to the Church

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Meditation

Reverend Ruth Mosher

*Hymn "Lord, We Have Come at Your Own Invitation"

Refrain D Bm G F#m D/F# Em A D



You sat-is - fy the hun - gry heart with gift of fin - est wheat;

Bm F#m Em A D *Fine*



come give to us, O sav-ing Lord, the bread of life to eat.

Bm G F#m G A7 Bm



- 1 As when the shep-herd calls his sheep, they know and heed his voice,
- 2 With joy - ful lips we sing to you our praise and grat - i - tude
- 3 Is not the cup we bless and share the blood of Christ out-poured?
- 4 The mys-tery of your pres-ence, Lord, no mor - tal tongue can tell:
- 5 You give your-self to us, O Lord; then self - less let us be,

Em A Em Em7 A *to Refrain*



so when you call your fam - ily, Lord, we fol - low and re-joice.
that you should count us wor - thy, Lord, to share this heav-en-ly food.
Do not one cup, one loaf, de - clare our one - ness in the Lord?
whom all the world can-not con - tain comes in our hearts to dwell.
to serve each oth - er in your name in truth and char - i - ty.

(Sing vv. 1-3, 5)

Silent Personal Reflection

Choir Anthem "Dark Was the Earth with Clouds"

Johann Michael Haydn (1737-1806)

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

One: May the God who was in Christ at the Last Supper be with you.

All: The God who is, was and shall ever be is among us tonight.

One: Open your hearts to God.

All: We open them to the one whose heart is broken this night.

One: Holy are you, God of redemption, and blessed is Jesus Christ, our Savior.

When the hour had come, Jesus left the comfort of your Presence, tied humanity around his heart and accepted the challenge to save us. In the midst of his friends, in the congregation of his enemies, he kept the promises he made: to love us to the very end. Our Lord, he welcomed all; our Teacher, he modeled a life of faith; our Messiah, he endured the snares of death that we might have life abundant.

All: In remembrance, we mourn Christ's death.

In remembrance, we look to the day of his resurrection.

In remembrance, we await his return.

Consecration

One: Friends, we do in this sacred space what Christ did in the upstairs room.

All: Send down your Holy Spirit on us, O God of love, and on these gifts of bread and cup, that the story of hope – of death and rising, of new life and a new humanity – may continue on in us and through us.

*Song

"Live in Charity"

(sing three times)

The musical score is written for voice and piano in 2/4 time, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The vocal line begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. The lyrics are: "Live in char - i - ty and stead - fast love. U - bi ca - ri - tas et a - mor,". The piano accompaniment begins with a bass clef and a key signature of one flat. The second system also has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The vocal line begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. The lyrics are: "Live in char - i - ty; God will dwell with you. u - bi ca - ri - tas De - us i - bi est." There are triplets marked with a '3' above the notes in both systems.

Sharing the Peace

The Breaking of the Bread and Pouring of the Cup

The Sharing of Bread and Cup

Communion Anthem "Ave Verum Corpus" W.A. Mozart (1756-1791)

*Ending

One: After the meal Jesus and his disciples sang a hymn before they went out to the Mount of Olives.

*Song

"Nothing Can Trouble"

(sing twice)

Nada te turbe

1

Noth-ing can trou - ble; noth-ing can fright - en. Those who seek
Na - da te tur - be, na - da te es - pan - te. Quien a Dios

2

God shall nev - er go want - ing. God a - lone fills us.
tie - ne na - da le fal - ta. So - lo Dios bas - ta.

One: Jesus said to his disciples: 'All of you will run away and leave me, for the Scripture says, "God will kill the shepherd and the sheep of the flock will be scattered."'

All: Jesus went with his friends to a place called Gethsemane. He was arrested and they all forsook him and fled.

Depart the Sanctuary in Silence

Maundy Thursday receives its name from the Latin
Mandatum novum do vobis, "A new commandment I give you."
This new commandment given by Jesus Christ, on the night he washed the
disciples' feet and ate with his friends, was
"to love one another just as I have love you." – John 13:34

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