

# Maundy Thursday



Immanuel Congregational United Church of Christ  
Oxford, MI

### \*Call to Worship

Leader: You who call upon the name of Christ...we are gathered to recall the story of the night Jesus Christ was betrayed. Let us prepare to come to the table of Jesus Christ, whose life was poured out for you.

**PEOPLE: BY THE GRACE OF GOD, WE ARE PREPARED.**

Leader: Are you able to watch with Jesus at prayer in the garden...indeed, to struggle to be in unity with God's will?

**PEOPLE: BY THE GRACE OF GOD, WE ARE.**

Leader: Will you follow Jesus, even into the night of betrayal?

**PEOPLE: BY THE GRACE OF GOD, WE WILL.**

Leader: Then let us praise God, even in this hour of darkness.

**PEOPLE: GOD OF ALL GRACE AND STEADFAST LOVE...GREATLY IS YOUR NAME TO BE PRAISED IN ALL THE EARTH.**

- Please be Seated -

### Welcome and Invitation to Communion

Welcome to the service. Tonight we will be reenacting the vents of Jesus' last night with the disciples. We begin by reenacting the meal Jesus shared with them on that night. As we prepare to come to Christ's table, let us come recognizing whose we are.

### UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

**EVER GRACIOUS GOD, WE GATHER THIS EVENING HOUR AS FRIENDS GATHERED WITH JESUS IN AN UPPER ROOM LONG AGO. WE COME BEARING THE MARKS OF A BITTER AND BROKEN WORLD. WE COME FROM ANONYMOUS PLACES, WITH DRY AND THIRSTY SPIRITS. REMIND US IN THE BREAKING OF BREAD OF OUR NEED AND OF YOUR SUFFICIENCY. REFRESH US AND MAKE US WHOLE WITH THE CUP OF FORGIVENESS, WE PRAY. DRAW US NEARER TO EACH OTHER IN MUTUAL SERVICE AND CLOSER TO YOU IN THE COVENANT OF FAITHFULNESS AND THANKSGIVING. AS THE NIGHT ADVANCES, DEEPEN IN US A SENSE OF YOUR STEADFAST LOVE FOR US IN JESUS CHRIST, OUR FRIEND AND OUR REDEEMER. AMEN.**

### Words of Assurance

Leader: May the Lord have mercy upon us, forgive and heal us by His steadfast love made known by the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**PEOPLE: BY THE GRACE OF GOD, WE ARE PREPARED.**

Leader: In the name of Jesus Christ, I announce that we are forgiven.

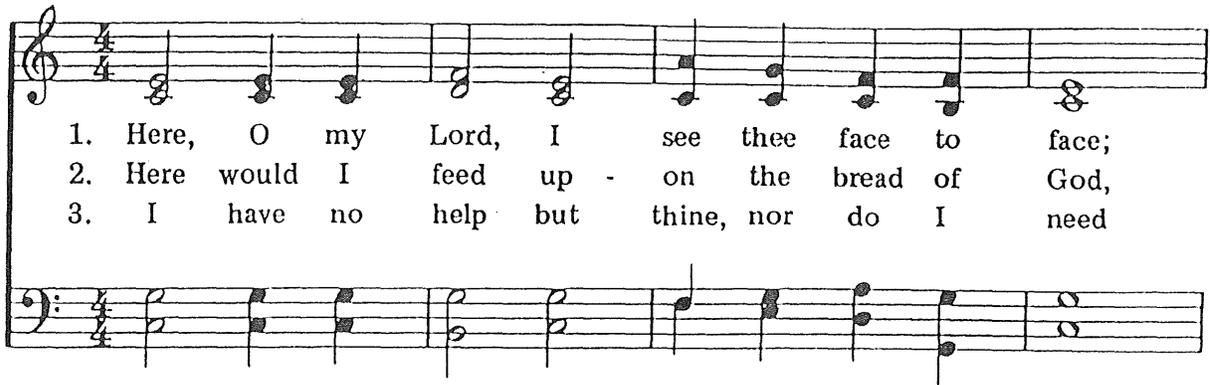
**PEOPLE: BY THE GRACE OF GOD, WE ARE PREPARED.**

-Silent Procession to the Fellowship Hall-

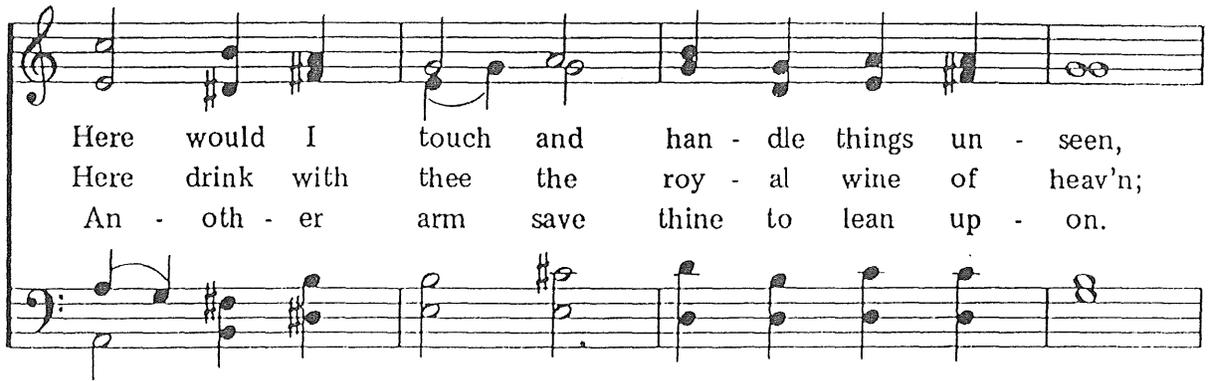
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### Pastoral Meditation

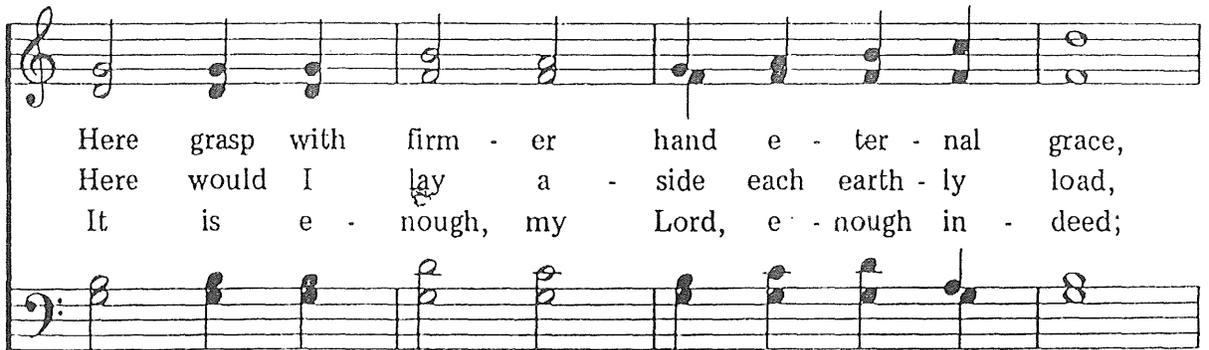
# Here, O My Lord, I See Thee



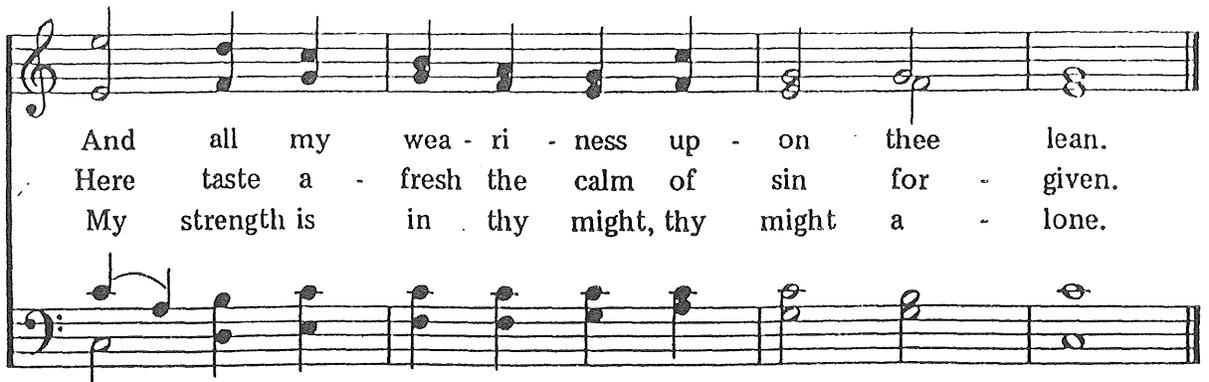
1. Here, O my Lord, I see thee face to face;  
2. Here would I feed up - on the bread of God,  
3. I have no help but thine, nor do I need



Here would I touch and han - dle things un - seen,  
Here drink with thee the roy - al wine of heav'n;  
An - oth - er arm save thine to lean up - on.



Here grasp with firm - er hand e - ter - nal grace,  
Here would I lay a - side each earth - ly load,  
It is e - nough, my Lord, e - nough in - deed;



And all my wea - ri - ness up - on thee lean.  
Here taste a - fresh the calm of sin for - given.  
My strength is in thy might, thy might a - lone.

Communion Prayer

Pastor: God be with you.

**PEOPLE: AND ALSO WITH YOU.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

**PEOPLE: WE LIFT THEM TO GOD.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to God most high.

**PEOPLE: IT IS RIGHT TO GIVE GOD THANKS AND PRAISE.**

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

**PRAYER RESPONSE:**

**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY GOD OF LOVE AND MAJESTY; THE WHOLE UNIVERSE SPEAKS OF YOUR GLORY, O GOD MOST HIGH. BLESSED IS THE ONE WHO COME IN THE NAME OF OUR GOD! HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST!**

**WORDS OF REMEMBRANCE:**

**BE PRESENT WITH US AS WE SHARE THIS MEAL, WE PRAY...AND THROUGHOUT ALL OUR LIVES, THAT WE MAY KNOW YOU AS THE HOLY ONE, WHO WITH CHRIST AND THE HOLY SPIRIT, LIVES FOREVER...AMEN**

Breaking of the Bread and Pouring of the Wine

Prayer of our Savior (unison)

Sharing of the Elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving

## Service of Tenebrae (Shadows)

### Shadow of Betrayal – Matthew 26:20-25

When it was evening, he took his place with the twelve and while they were eating, he said, "Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me." And they became greatly distressed and began to say to him one after another, "Surely not I, Lord?" He answered, "The one who has dipped his hand into the bowl with me will betray me. The Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that one by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that one not to have been born." Judas, who betrayed him, said, "Surely not I, Rabbi?" He replied, "You have said so."

### Shadow of Desertion – Matthew 26:31-35

Then Jesus said to them, "You will all become deserters because of me, this night; for it is written, 'I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.' But after I am raised up, I will go ahead of you to Galilee." Peter said to him, "Though all become deserters because of you, I will never desert you." Jesus said to him, "Truly I tell you, this very night, before the cock crows, you will deny me three times." Peter said to him, "Even though I must die with you, I will not deny you." And so said all the disciples.

## Go to Dark Gethsemane



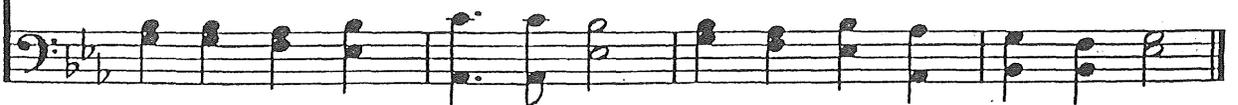
1. Go to dark Geth - sem - a - ne, Ye that feel the temp-ter's pow'r;
2. See him at the judg - ment hall, Beat - en, bound, re - viled, ar - raigned;
3. Cal-vary's mourn-ful moun-tain view; There the Lord of glo - ry see,



Your Re - deem - er's con - flict see; Watch with him one bit - ter hour;  
See him meek - ly bear - ing all! Love to man his soul sus - tained.  
Made a sac - ri - fice for you, Dy - ing on the ac - cur - sed tree.



Turn not from his griefs a - way; Learn from him to watch and pray.  
Shun not suf - fer - ing, shame, or loss; Learn of Christ to bear the cross.  
"It is fin - ished!" hear his cry: Trust in Christ and learn to die.



#### Agony of the Soul – Luke 22:39-44

He came out and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives; and the disciples followed him. When he reached the place, he said to them, "Pray that you may not come into the time of trial." Then he withdrew from them about a stone's throw, knelt down, and prayed, "Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me; yet, not my will but yours be done." (Then an angel from heaven appeared to him and gave him strength. In his anguish he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down on the ground.)

#### Unshared Vigil – Mark 14:32-41

They went to a place called Geth-sem'a-ne; and he said to his disciples, "Sit here while I pray." He took with him Peter, James and John, and began to be distressed and agitated. And he said to them, "I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and keep awake. And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. He said, "Abba Father, for you all things are possible; remove this cup from me; yet, not what I want, but what you want." He came and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, "Simon, are you asleep? Could you not keep awake one hour? Keep awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." And again he went away and prayed, saying the same words. And once more he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy; and they did not know what to say to him. He came a third time and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? Enough! The hour has come; the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners."

#### Father, the Hour Has Come – John 17:1-6

After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent: I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

"I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word."

Lonesome Valley  
(Hymnal tune #226)

1. Jesus walked this lonesome valley.  
He had to walk it by himself;  
Oh, nobody else could walk it for him;  
He had to walk it by himself.
2. Jesus suffered shame and sorrow  
He had to suffer by himself;  
Oh, nobody else could share it with him,  
He had to suffer by himself.
3. We walk this lonesome valley,  
But he is walking by our side;  
Oh, never alone in this dark valley,  
For he is walking by our side.

That They May all be One – John 17:15-22

I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.

“I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one”

Arrest in the Garden – John 18: 1-11

After Jesus had spoken these words, he went out with his disciples across the Kid'ron valley to a place where there was a garden, which he and his disciples entered. Now Judas, who betrayed him, also knew the place, because Jesus often met there with his disciples. So Judas brought a detachment of soldiers together with police from the chief priests and the Phar'i-sees, and they came there with lanterns and torches and weapons. Then Jesus, knowing all that was to happen to him, came forward and asked them, "Whom are you looking for?" They answered, "Jesus of Nazareth." Jesus replied, "I am he." Judas, who betrayed him, was standing with them. When Jesus said to them, "I am he," they stepped back and fell to the ground. Again he asked them, "Whom are you looking for?" And they said, "Jesus of Nazareth." Jesus answered, "I told you that I am he. So If you are looking for me, let these men go." This was to fulfill the word that he had spoken, "I did not lose a single one of those whom you gave me." Then Simon Peter, who had a sword, drew it, struck the high priest's slave, and cut off his right ear. The slave's name was Mal'chus. Jesus said to Peter, "Put your sword back into its sheath. Am I not to drink the cup the Father has given me?"

Shadow of the Cross – Mark 15:16-20

Then the soldiers led him into the courtyard of the palace (that is, the governor's headquarters); and they called, together, the whole cohort. And they clothed him in a purple cloak; and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on him. And they began saluting him, "Hail, King of the Jews!" They struck his head with a reed, spat upon him, and knelt down in homage to him. After mocking him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him.

Anthem: \_\_\_\_\_

Senior Choir

Closing of the Tomb

The Word was God – John 1:4, 10, 12, & 14 3:16

In Him was life, and the life was the light of all people.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him.

But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave to become children of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen His glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

"For God so loved the world that He gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him may not perish, but may have eternal life".

Benediction and Dismissal

Depart In Silence