

**Middlebury Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
March 28, 2024
Maundy Thursday
Office of Tenebrae**

**all those who are able please stand
Our worship begins with the Prelude.*

Please be mindful of those who wish to spend this time in prayer

PRELUDE

Were You There?

arr. Mary Bennett

***HYMN**

Go to Dark Gethsemane

Pilgrim Hymnal (Red) #158

OPENING PRAYER

CALL TO CONFESSION (ALL SING)

**O the weariness of guilt, inner darkness drenched in tears!
O the weight of all my sin, bowed by failures, bound by
fears!**

**Though unworthy, Lord, I come. Here I simply trust your
love**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy and gracious God, our sin is too heavy to bear. Trusting
in your mercy, we lay before you the truth of who we are. We
confess our failure to love as Christ loved. We confess our
covetousness and greed. We confess our weakness before trial
and temptation. We confess our frailty before the challenges of
this world. Merciful God, forgive us. Heal us, and make us
whole, for the sake of your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, in
whose name we pray. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (based on Isaiah 40:11, 53:4-5)

Scripture tells us surely Christ has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows. He was wounded for our transgressions and bruised for our iniquities. Upon him was the chastisement that makes us whole, and by his stripes we are healed. He will feed his flock like a shepherd and gather the lambs in his arms. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen

REPONSE (ALL SING)

I repent- O make me new! Jesus, Lord, I rest in you.

By the Lamb once sacrificed, we are holy now in Christ.

Spirit-filled and all your own, we are saved by Christ alone.

MEDITATION

The Rev. Katrina Manzi

ANTHEM

In This Moment of Remembrance

Dale Wood

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

*Communion is open to all, including children, who wish to grow in
faith in Jesus Christ*

Invitation

The Great Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you

People: And also with you

Leader: Lift up your hearts

People: We lift them up to the Lord

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise

The Lord's Prayer (Unison)

**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. And lead us not
into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the**

kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever.

Amen. [We use “Father” and “trespasses,” but please use whatever words bring you closest to God.]

Words of Institution

Distribution of the Elements

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (UNISON)

Holy God, on this night Jesus gave his disciples a new commandment, to love one another as he loved them. Write this commandment on our hearts, we pray, and strengthen us in service, in unity and in love through Jesus Christ, our Lord and friend. Amen.

***HYMN**

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

Pilgrim Hymnal (Red) #170

THE OFFICE OF TENEBRAE

Office, when used in this context, refers to the practice of praying at fixed hours of the day or night. Tenebrae is a Latin word meaning shadows or darkness. This liturgy, which has roots in the 7th Century, is characterized by the gradual extinguishing of lights. It is intended to remind the worshiper of Jesus' abandonment by his disciples and his eventual crucifixion and burial. At the end of the Service, the church will be in darkness. Please remain seated until the final choir anthem is finished and then depart in silence.

LESSON

Mark 14:17-28

Erika Carrington

Solo voice: Were you there when he broke bread with his friends?

All sing: Were you there when he broke bread with his friends?

**Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble
tremble.**

Were you there when he broke bread with his friends?

LESSON

John 13:31-38

Sue Vindigni

Solo voice: Were you there when he taught his friends to love?

All sing: Were you there when he taught his friends to love...

LESSON

Mark 14:32-52

Guy Ferrelli

Solo voice: Were you there in the garden when he prayed?

All sing: Were you there in the garden when he prayed...

LESSON

Mark 14:53-72

Pete Vindigni

Solo voice: Were you there when his friends all fled in fear?

All sing: Were you there when his friends all fled in fear...

LESSON

Mark 15:1-15

Diane Barnard

Solo voice: Were you there when they sentenced him to die?

All sing: Were you there when they sentenced him to die...

LESSON

Mark 15:16-20

Josh Coughlin

Solo voice: Were you there when they mocked and scorned my
Lord?

**All sing: Were you there when they mocked and scorned my
Lord...**

LESSON

Mark 15:21-32

Kalman Zold

Solo voice: Were you there when they nailed him to the cross?

All sing: Were you there when they nailed him to the cross...

The Nailing of the Cross

LESSON

Mark 15:33-47

The Rev. Katrina Manzi

Solo voice: Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

All sing: Were you there when they laid him in the tomb...

Closing of the Tomb

Silence is Kept

The Lighting of the Christ Candle

Per Crucem

Taizé

Per crucem et passionem tuam

Libera nos Domine.

Through Thy Cross and Passion

Deliver us, O Lord.

Per crucem et passionem tuam

Libera nos Domine.

Through Thy Cross and Passion

Deliver us, O Lord.

Per sanctam resurrectionem tuam

Libera nos Domine.

Through Thy holy resurrection

Deliver us, O Lord.

Please leave the sanctuary in silence.



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