



Maundy Thursday Worship

March 28, 2024 – 7:30 PM

First United Church of Christ,
Congregational, Milford, Connecticut

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*= All who are able, please stand

PH = Pilgrim Hymnal (red covered-book)

NCH = New Century Hymnal (black-covered)

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

God, prepare us to witness to the passion of your Son, Jesus Christ, whose obedience to you and whose love for your creation and people are endless. Help us to focus on both the tragedy and the surpassing commitment of Christ, in whose name we pray, Amen.

PRELUDE Prelude in F minor by J. S. Bach
Corbin Beisner, organ

WELCOME Rev. Adam E. Eckhart

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We come to walk with Christ and he walks with us.

People: We gather to witness the complete love Christ has for all God's people.

Leader: We gather to take and eat and drink in fulfillment of his mandate to his disciples.

People: We come to worship God who leads us through the valley of the shadow of death.

ANTHEM Ah, Holy Jesus arr. Jason W. Krug
Joyful Bells

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, we have looked away from pain and suffering in the world. We have tended to our desires when we could have helped others in need. We have looked away from your image in others and by doing so have forgotten your image in ourselves. Renew right spirits in us, O God, so that we might look into your eyes at that Last Supper and receive the new covenant of grace, which is poured out by Christ for our sake. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*HYMN OF RESPONSE When I Survey the Wondrous Cross PH 177

HOMILY **Jesus Enthroned** Rev. Adam E. Eckhart

HYMN Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence (vs. 1 & 2) PH 107

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation

Prayer of Consecration and the Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Anthem "In the Garden" by Carl J. Nygard, Jr.
Adult Choir

Prayer of Thanksgiving

*HYMN Journey to Gethsemane NCH 219

SERVICE OF TENEBRAE

Tenebrae, Latin for "shadows," is a series of readings shared in relative darkness on or around Maundy Thursday. In Protestant churches, the readings tell the story of Christ's Passion in his final mortal hours. During this Tenebrae only candles on the communion table will light the space. As each of the readings is finished, a light will be extinguished until after the final reading, the Meetinghouse will be covered in darkness.

SOLO "Were You There?"

MOMENT OF DARK SILENCE

CLOSING WORDS

A few moments after the closing words, some lights will be restored so that congregants may leave the Sanctuary in silence, contemplating God's love and Christ's sacrifice.