

Wesley United Methodist Church

6:30 PM Worship

April 6, 2023

Holy Thursday

At Wesley we foster a sanctuary culture by creating a safe environment where all feel welcomed, loved, accepted, valued, and affirmed for who they are, through intentional practices such as empathy, compassion, generosity, hospitality, and inclusion.

Please let an usher know if you have questions, need assistance, or have a concern about health or safety.

Prelude

Meditation on *O Sacred Head Now Wounded*

David Bednall b. 1979

Greeting

One: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

Many: And also with you.

One: Let us return to the Lord, God of all mercies.

Many: I will bless the Lord at all times.

One: Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Many: Christ has prepared a feast of love.

*Hymn

“Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast” (v. 1 & 2)

UMH 616

Come, sinners, to the gospel feast, let every soul be Jesus' guest.
Ye need not one be left behind, for God hath bid all humankind.

Do not begin to make excuse; ah! do not you his grace refuse;
your worldly cares and pleasures leave, and take what Jesus hath to give.

Confession & Pardon

One: Christ shows us his love by becoming a humble servant. Let us draw near to God and confess our sin in the truth of God's Spirit.

(Moment of Silence for Confession)

Many: Most merciful God, we your Church confess that often our spirit has not been that of Christ. Where we have failed to love one another as he loves us, where we have pledged loyalty to him with our lips and then betrayed, deserted, or denied him, forgive us, we pray; and by your Spirit make us faithful in every time of trial; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

One: Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ.

But Christ suffered and died for us, was raised from the dead and ascended on high for us, and continues to intercede for us.

Believe the good news: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

Many: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God. Amen.

*Please stand in body or in spirit.

Hymn

“What Wondrous Love Is This” (v. 1-3)

UMH 292

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,
what wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul.

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,
what wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this, that caused the Lord of life
to lay aside his crown for my soul, for my soul,
to lay aside his crown for my soul.

To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing,
to God and to the Lamb, I will sing;
to God and to the Lamb who is the great I AM,
while millions join the theme I will sing, I will sing;
while millions join the theme I will sing.

THE PREPARATION OF THE PASSOVER MEAL

Luke 22: 7-13

THE LAST SUPPER & THE FIRST CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

One: Are you prepared to come to the table of Jesus Christ, whose life was poured out for you?

Many: **By the grace of God, we are.**

Luke 22:14-20

HOLY COMMUNION

UMH 13-14

SOLO

He Never Said a Mumbalin' Word

Wasn't it a pity and a shame?
And He never said a mumbalin' word.
Not a word.
They pierced Him in the side, and He never said a mumbalin' word.
Not a word.
His blood came trickling down, and He never said a mumbalin' word.
Not a word.
He bowed His head and died, and He never said a mumbalin' word.
Not a word.

THE NEW COMMANDMENT

John 13:31-35

TO THE GARDEN

Matthew 26:30-35

Hymn

“Go to Dark Gethsemane” (v. 1)

UMH 290

Go to dark Gethsemane, ye that feel the tempter's power;
your Redeemer's conflict see, watch with him one bitter hour.
Turn not from his griefs away; learn of Jesus Christ to pray.

IN THE GARDEN

Matthew 26:36-38

Response (*leader will sing thru once; then please join in*)

“Stay with Me”

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Stay with me, remain here with me, watch and pray, watch and pray.

JESUS PRAYS

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

Many: **By the grace of God, we are.**

Matthew 26:39-44

Response

“Stay with Me”

Stay with me, remain here with me, watch and pray, watch and pray.

Blessing

Response

“Stay with Me”

Stay with me, remain here with me, watch and pray, watch and pray.

Leave in Silence

You are welcome to remain in the sanctuary for quiet meditation.

Worship Leaders: Judith Barton, David Dagle, Chris Kerns, Byungmoo Lee,
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