



*Hope and Riverside Congregational Churches
United Church of Christ*

Maundy Thursday Worship

at

Hope Congregational Church, UCC
120 Wampanoag Trail
East Providence, Rhode Island 02915

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Maundy Thursday

April 6, 2023

7:00 p.m.

GATHERING MUSIC “What Wondrous Love Is This?”

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Come, let us join at the table.

All: Let us join at the table. Let us be set free.

One: Come, a place is set for each of us.

All: Let us join at the table. Let us be set free.

One: Come, join the misfits, thieves, and liars.

All: Let us join at the table. Let us be set free.

One: Come, young and old, from near or far.

All: Let us join at the table. Let us be set free.

One: Come, where shame is no longer welcome.

All: Let us join at the table. Let us be set free.

One: Come, where forgiveness and mercy triumph.

All: Let us join at the table. Let us be set free.

INVOCATION

One: Come, a new commandment has been given.

All: From before the foundation of the world.

One: Come, that we may love one another.

All: That our joy may be full and we may be set free.

Fellowship of the Upper Room

HYMN “In the Midst of New Dimensions”

Insert

THE WASHING

Special Music

“All I have Done for You”

Music Team

Prayer of Thanksgiving (Unison)

Gracious and loving God, you have made us one in the body of Christ, and nourished us at your table with holy food and drink. Thank you for feeding our hunger and relieving our thirst. Now send us into the world to do the work you have given us to do: to find the lost and lonely, to heal the broken souls, to free prisoners, and make the powerful care. Grant us strength to persevere in resisting evil, and to proclaim in all we say and do your good news in Christ Jesus our Savior. Amen.

A SERVICE OF TENEBRAE

Shadow of Betrayal	Mark 14:17-21
Shadow of Denial	Mark 14:26-31
Shadow of Struggle and Doubt	Mark 14:32-42
Shadow of Arrest	Mark 14:43-50
Shadow of the Cross	Mark 15:6-20
Final Reading	John 1:1-4, 10, 12; 3:19
The Extinguishing of the Christ Candle	

MESSAGE “Passing Over” *Rev. Bob*

HYMN “In the Stillness of this Hour” Insert

PROPHECY OF RESURRECTION

RELIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

CLOSING BENEDICTION

All will leave in silence.

PASTOR - Rev. Robert Nolan
MINISTER OF MUSIC - Kim Kuda
DEACON & LAY READER - Lori Russell
MUSIC TEAM - Andrew Foster, Dale Magnuson,
Sangho Nam, Kim Kuda

Fellowship of the Table

HYMN

“Holy Sacrament, Most Holy”

Insert

WORDS OF INSTITUTION & PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

One: Let us gather around the table with the offering of bread and drink upon it and the promise of the Living Christ among us. This is the welcome table of God where all who seek to be at peace with their neighbor and all who seek the mercy of God in Christ are embraced. Come, for we are invited into this holy mystery. Come.

All: We are ready!

One: Jesus said: “I am the bread of life. All who come to me shall not hunger, and all who believe in me shall never be thirsty.

All: We are hungry and thirsty. O Lamb of God, we come!

One: We remember that on the night of betrayal and desertion, Jesus took his authority as the Christ and offered the bread in thanksgiving and said . . .

All: “Take, eat. This is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

One: In the same way, and by the same authority, Jesus offered the cup in thanksgiving and said,

All: “Take, drink. This is my blood of the new covenant which is poured out for you and for many, for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it in remembrance of me.”

One: Come, Holy Spirit. Come. Open our eyes to the mystery of Christ’s presence in these ordinary things in these our ordinary lives. May they be for us the very essence of the living Christ in our midst.

Through the broken bread...

All: We participate in the Body of Christ.

One: Through the cup of blessing . . .

All: We participate in the new life Christ gives.

One: These are the gifts of God for ALL the people of God. Let us share the bread and cup together!

Sharing of the Elements

Special Music

“Remember, Remember, Me”

Music Team