

Holy/Maundy Thursday
ORDER OF WORSHIP

Thought for Silent Reflection:

"I have found that among its other benefits, giving liberates the soul of the giver" Maya Angelou

Organ Prelude

+*Upon entering the sanctuary, you are invited to place your food donation in the receptacles provided. Otherwise, please maintain an attitude of silence and prayer in the sanctuary.*

Opening Words *Isaiah 50:4-9* PB521

Welcome and Greeting

*The Call to Worship *Excerpts from Psalm 116* Pastor David

Leader: I love the Lord, for he heard my voice;

People: He heard my cry for mercy.

Leader: The Lord turned his ear to me.

People: I will call on the Lord as long as I live.

Leader: The Lord is gracious and righteous.

People: Our God is full of compassion.

Leader: The Lord protects the unwary.

People: The Lord protects us all.

*Congregational Hymn *Ah, Holy Jesus* #231

*The Call to Confession Rev. Meg

God's love for the world was revealed in Jesus Christ, to reconcile and make new. Let us confess how we have not loved as God first loved us

*Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Gracious God, You call us to love, to live your life, and follow where you have walked. You call us to be your presence in the streets, to show compassion to the poor, to support the weak, to embrace the outcast, and bring lives into your kingdom. Yet we find that we are fearful of the task, and are deafened to your promise to be with us wherever we might go. Forgive us. Grant us peace and strength for the journey, that we might demonstrate our love in the life we live and share. On this holiest of nights, through your son Jesus Christ, we pray, Amen.

*Words of Assurance

The Good News has been given to us: God has come in Jesus Christ, to fill us with hope, mercy and grace. Amen.

Anthem *In This Moment of Remembrance* Buck/Wood

Offered by the Senior Choir of Riga Church

Old Testament Reading *Isaiah 58:6-10* PB527

Gospel Reading *John 13:1-15* PB763

Prayer of Illumination

Meditation *A Maundy Thursday Meditation on Giving* Pastor Susan

Offertory

*Doxology of Silent Praise

+*Please stand in silence as the gifts are brought forward.*

*Prayer of Dedication for the Gifts

*Invitation to Celebrate the Lord's Supper

+*You are invited to adjourn to the Fellowship Hall to celebrate the Lord's Supper. Please bring your bulletin with you. You will be invited to the handwashing station, where you will have your hands*

washed by the person in front of you, and you will then wash the hands of the person behind you. This celebrates Jesus' teachings of humility and service. You will also have the opportunity to pray/light candles before taking your seat at the Lord's Table.

The Celebration of the Lord's Supper (Insert)

Remembering Jesus' Words

Pastor David

"Righteous Father, though the world does not know you, I know you, and they know that you have sent me. I have made you known to them and will continue to make you known in order that the love you have for me may be in them, and I myself may be in them." (John 17:25-26)

The Betrayal

Rev. Meg

"When he had finished praying, Jesus left with his disciples and crossed the Kidron Valley. On the other side there was an olive grove. Jesus and his disciples went into it. Now Judas who betrayed him knew the place, because Jesus had often met there with his disciples. So Judas came to the grove, guiding a detachment of soldiers and some of the officials of the chief priests and Pharisees. They were carrying torches and weapons." (John 18:1-3)

Moments of Silence

+Please observe silence as the Pastors shroud the Cross and Elements.

Blessing for the Blessing Bags/Closing Words

Pastor Susan

+This marks the close of the service. As you leave, you are invited to take a blessing bag with you, so that you may offer it to someone who is hungry, or otherwise in need. Please maintain an attitude of silence as you leave. Thank you.

The Story Continues:

Good Friday Service –Churchville UMC

Friday, April 19, 2019 7:00 PM

THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF RIGA, UCC

MAUNDY THURSDAY WORSHIP

APRIL 18, 2019



'Passover' by G Cuffia

Pastors

Pastor Susan Garofalo – First Congregational Church of Riga-UCC

Rev. Meg Morin – Churchville United Methodist Church

Pastor David Branch – Faith Chapel

Deacons

Julie Olix

Mary Urbon

Director of Music

Cheryl Toyama

Organist

Lani Hoskins

Choir

The Senior Choir of Riga Church

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

(Disciple) “Your word is eternal. It stands firm in the heavens.”
(Psalm 119: 89)

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and wine, that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ. By your Spirit, make us one with Christ and with your church in all the world.

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, Almighty God, now and forever.

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER(Debts/Debtors)

The gifts of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

In one voice, let us as the people of God, pray the prayer that Jesus taught his disciples to pray, saying, “**Our Father...**”

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP

L: Jesus said: I am the bread of life.

L. Jesus said: I am the vine, you are the branches.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION **Gracious God, we give you thanks for this feast of your goodness and grace. We give you thanks for the sacrifice you made to save us. Send us out to share the bread of life with all who hunger for your love; through Jesus Christ our living Lord. Amen.**

THE SERVICE OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

PREPARATION FOR THE LORD’S TABLE

“The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in Egypt, “This month is to be for you the first month, the first month of your year. Tell the whole community of Israel that on the tenth day of this month each man is to take a lamb for his family, one for each household. If any household is too small for a whole lamb, they must share one with their nearest neighbor, having taken into account the number of people there are. You are to determine the amount of lamb needed in accordance with what each person will eat.” (Exodus 12:1-4)

“The animals you choose must be year-old males without defect, and you may take them from the sheep or the goats. Take care of them until the fourteenth day of the month, when all the members of the community of Israel must slaughter them at twilight. Then they are to take some of the blood and put it on the sides and tops of the doorframes of the houses where they eat the lambs. That same night they are to eat the meat roasted over the fire, along with bitter herbs, and bread made without yeast. (Exodus 12:5-8)

“This is how you are to eat it: with your cloak tucked into your belt, your sandals on your feet and your staff in your hand. Eat it in haste; it is the Lord’s Passover. On that same night I will pass through Egypt and strike down every firstborn of both people and animals, and I will bring judgment on all the gods of Egypt. I am the Lord. The blood will be a sign for you on the houses where you are, and when I see the blood, I will pass over you. No destructive plague will touch you when I strike Egypt. This is a day you are to commemorate; for the generations to come you shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD—a lasting ordinance.” (Exodus 12:11-14)

“It was just before the Passover Festival. Jesus knew that the hour had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end.” (John 13:1)

INVITATION FOR THE LORD'S TABLE

Welcome to this Maundy Thursday celebration. On this night we remember and celebrate the final supper Jesus shared with his disciples in the context of the Passover, when the people of Israel observed their liberation from Egypt. The Last Supper was Christ's observance of the Seder—the Passover Eve Service. Hear this instruction that God gave to the people of Israel.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

(Disciple) "I seek you with all my heart; do not let me stray from your commands." (Psalm 119:10)

It is indeed right and good, Lord God, holy Father that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to you through Jesus Christ our Lord. On the tree of the cross, he gave salvation to all, so that, where death began, there life may be restored, and that the enemy, who by a tree once overcame, might by a tree, be overcome. We adore and praise your glorious name; joining our voices with all the faithful of every time and place, saying:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

(Disciple) "You are my God and I will praise you; you are my God and I will exalt you." (Psalm 118:28)

You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who unites your people in love. We thank you for creating all things. We thank you for calling and rescuing your people. Above all, we thank you and praise you for keeping your promise to the people of old, and sending your Son Jesus Christ.

(Disciple)"Your faithfulness continues through all generations; you established the earth and it endures." (Psalm 119: 50)

He became obedient to the point of death on the cross. On the occasion of this holy supper, he gave us the assurance of forgiveness for our sins, won through the sacrifice of his life. Here, in his presence, we remember his life, his death and his resurrection; all for our salvation.

(Disciple) "I will lift up the cup of salvation, and call on the name of the Lord" (Psalm 116:13)

We give you thanks that the Lord Jesus, on the night of his arrest, while they were having supper, he took bread, and after giving thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: 'Take, eat. This is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.'

In the same way he took the cup, saying: "This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood, poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me."

Remembering your gracious acts in Jesus Christ, we take from your creation this bread and this wine and joyfully celebrate his dying and rising, as we await the day of his coming. With thanksgiving, we offer our very selves to you to be a living and holy sacrifice, dedicated to your service.

(Disciple)"I will fulfill my vows to the Lord, in the presence of his people." (Psalm 116:14)

