



FIRST CONGREGATIONAL UCC LEADER
GATHERED TO SHARE GOD'S LOVE



GOOD FRIDAY
MARCH 30TH, 2018

Gathering of God's People

PRELUDE

GREETING AND WELCOME

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you.

And also with you.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

We gather tonight in the shadow of the Cross.

Evil abounds. Jesus goes forth to suffer and die.

How we tremble with fear!

How we weep.

Why have we forsaken Him?

Why have we betrayed and run from his Passion?

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

***PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

Let us pray. **Lord, through our Lenten journey, you have softened our hearts and prepared our souls so that we may be forgiven. Hear our prayers this night, as we walk in the shadow of the cross; grant us courage and give us strength, for we open ourselves to learn from the darkness, cruelty, and shame of the cross. Help us to bear this heavy burden with our Lord, and honor our desire, we pray, to deepen our faith, to learn from the cross, and there to renew our salvation. Amen.**

***Reading from Psalm 22**

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from helping me, from the words of my groaning? O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer; and by night, but find no rest. Yet you are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel. In you our ancestors trusted; they trusted, and you delivered them.

***HYMN**

#97 Go to Dark Gethsemane, v. 1-3

***READING FROM PSALM 22**

I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint; my heart is like wax; it is melted within my breast; my mouth is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to my jaws; you lay me in the dust of death. For dogs are all around me; a company of evildoers encircles me. My hands and feet have shriveled; I can count all my bones. They stare and gloat over me; they divide my clothes among themselves, and for my clothing they cast lots. But you, O Lord, do not be far away! O my help, come quickly to my aid! Deliver my soul from the sword, my life from the power of the Dog! Save me from the mouth of the lion! From the horns of the wild oxen you have rescued me.

***HYMN**

#98 O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

THE SEVEN CANDLES AND THE APPROACHING DARKNESS

A Member of the Sanhedrin

Woman Disciple

Choral Anthem

God so Loved the World by John Stainer

Soldier

Woman in the Courtyard

Hymn

#93 Ah, Holy Jesus v. 1-2

Pilate

Woman at the Crucifixion

Hymn

#102 Were You There v. 1-3

Last Words

Hymn

#102 Were You There v. 4

Burial

The congregation leaves in silence.

SERVING TODAY

Ushers

Bruce Wood, Nancy Henning

Readers

Liturgist

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Katy Härle

Kim Fuller

Shirley Morton

Steve Schippers

Mary Newcomb

Michael Dyer

Carol Freeman

Pr. Craig Jan-McMahon

Pr. Michael Swartz

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