

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *May this allow you time for prayer and preparation for worship.*

OPENING PRAYER

Holy God, source of all love, on the night of his betrayal Jesus gave his disciples a new commandment, to love one another. Write this commandment upon our hearts. Transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and by renewing us, make known your glory. As the Master knelt to serve others, make us servants of all. As he moved from supper to the cross, move us tonight to follow courageously where Christ leads, that we may prove to be faithful disciples. Amen.

+HYMN “O Sacred Head, Now Wounded” No. 221
Tune: PASSION CHORALE

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Gracious God, though you overwhelm us with your patience, we come with a heavy heart. We gather this evening to join you in a most painful remembrance. Our throats become dry and our senses dull as we ponder the Scriptures that speak of Jesus’ last night. Merciful God, we confess that our stamina is no stronger than that of Peter, James, and John. We find it difficult to watch and pray under the best of conditions, and when stress mounts we too are prone to fall to a host of temptations. Lord, even though our spirits are often willing to follow Christ, our lives are often weak in faithfully acknowledging him in the deep challenges of life. Lord of life, surround and support us with your mercy and cleanse us from sin.

+SILENT PRAYER

+WORDS OF ASSURANCE Romans 8, John 3
Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ?
For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.
Thanks be to God.

THE LORD’S SUPPER

Invitation to the Table

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 the Lord our God.

We give our thanks and praise!

Sharing the Bread and Cup

We will share communion *by intinction* tonight. The server will tear off a piece of bread and serve you. You may then dip your bread in the cup. Please proceed by the center aisle and return to your pew by the outside aisles.

The choir will sing Hymn #207 during communion. Feel free to follow along in your hymnal and join in on the refrain, when comfortable.

Prayer after Communion

God of light and darkness, be with us in this hour as we contemplate not only our sin, but your mercy; not only our feelings of abandonment but your ever-present Spirit, not only our shortcomings but your never-ending love. Amen.

PRAYERS AT THE CROSS: A SUITE FOR HOLY WEEK Lee Dengler, Susan Naus Dengler
Narration: David Rogers, Scripture: Kathy Beach

Narration

Father, Forgive

Lee Dengler, Susan Naus Dengler

Narration

My, God, I Feel Forsaken

Lee Dengler, Susan Naus Dengler

Narration

Into Your Hands

Lee Dengler, Susan Naus Dengler

STRIPPING OF THE CHURCH

Depart in silence.

About Tonight's Worship

Historically, Maundy Thursday begins a continuous act of worship known as the *triduum*, which include Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Paschal (Easter) Vigil. The triduum leads us to the resurrection of Easter morning. Starting with communion, tonight's Maundy Thursday service begins with a celebration that opens in light and joy as the community gives thanks for the meal instituted by Jesus to be the abiding memorial of his death and resurrection, whenever communion is observed. Following Communion we transition into a musical setting of the prayers of Jesus from the cross. Of the seven "last words," or phrases, spoken by Jesus from the cross, four were directed to persons who were part of that scene. The first, fourth and final "words" were spoken to God, and were, in effect, prayers. Through music, narration and scripture, *Prayers at the Cross* follows the events of Jesus' crucifixion as we consider these three prayers and their impact on our own lives.

The communion table is an open table. All who trust in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior are welcome. You do not need to be a member of this church to share in communion.

Leading Worship tonight: Kathy Beach, Pastor; David Rogers, Liturgist; Dave McCollum, Director of Music, Sanctuary Choir; Jonathan Asbell, Accompanist; Kathy Beach and Ann Rhyne, Elders serving Communion

Easter Sunday at Rumple

7:00 Sunrise Service, Rumple Church Sanctuary

8:00 Community Breakfast by Carter Lentz Men's Class – Rumple Fellowship Hall

10:15 Dedication of Vosburgh Bench in Rumple House garden

10:30 Butterfly Release in Rumple House garden

11:00 Worship, Rumple Church Sanctuary

