



First Congregational Church of Lebanon

United Church of Christ – Open and Affirming

MAUNDY THURSDAY

April 17, 2025

Kindly silence cell phones and other devices during worship. All hymns are included on pages 6-8.

Prelude *Prelude on “St. Cross”* C.H.H. Parry

Prayer of Invocation

Hymn 169 (p. 6) *My Song Is Love Unknown* Rhosymedre

Lenten Prayer of Confession (*Unison*)

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Open our hearts to you, that we may receive your forgiveness and be redeemed by your reconciling love. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Musical Offering *I Call to Thee, Lord Jesus Christ, BWV 639* Johann Sebastian Bach

Lesson from the Gospel John 13:1-17, 31b-35

Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. ²The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper ³Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, ⁴got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. ⁵Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples’ feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. ⁶He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, “Lord, are you going to wash my feet?” ⁷Jesus answered, “You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand.” ⁸Peter said to him, “You will never wash my feet.” Jesus answered, “Unless I wash you, you have no share with me.” ⁹Simon Peter said to him, “Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!” ¹⁰Jesus said to him, “One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you.” ¹¹For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, “Not all of you are clean.”

¹²After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, “Do you know what I have done to you? ¹³You call me Teacher and Lord—

and you are right, for that is what I am. ¹⁴So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. ¹⁵For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. ¹⁶Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. ¹⁷If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them. [...]

^{31b}“Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³²If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come.’ ³⁴I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

Homily

Stephen R. Silver

Hymn 170 (p. 7)

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

Passion Chorale

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (*Unison*)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Musical Offering

Heart's Dearest Jesus

Johannes Brahms

The Eucharist

For communion, you are invited to have some bread and juice on hand. We will share in the bread and cup at the appointed time. If you would like to receive a blessing, please let the officiant know.

Invitation and Communion Prayer

Sanctus (*Unison*)

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Hosts,
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory:
Glory be to thee, O Lord most high. Amen.

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Musical Offering

Out of the Depths I Cry to Thee

Randall Thompson

Communion Prayer of Thanksgiving (*Unison*)

Because the broken bread has meant our healing, because the outpoured cup has meant our life, because our common sharing has meant the communion of our souls, and because we have here been graced by your presence, God, we give you thanks and pray that our lives may be renewed in the life and the love of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Service of Tenebrae**First Reading**

Matthew 26:20-25

²⁰When it was evening, [Jesus] took his place with the twelve; ²¹and while they were eating, he said, “Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me.” ²²And they became greatly distressed and began to say to him one after another, “Surely not I, Lord?” ²³He answered, “The one who has dipped his hand into the bowl with me will betray me. ²⁴The Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that one by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that one not to have been born.” ²⁵Judas, who betrayed him, said, “Surely not I, Rabbi?” He replied, “You have said so.”

Second Reading

Matthew 26:31-35

³¹Then Jesus said to them, “You will all become deserters because of me this night; for it is written, ‘I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.’ ³²But after I am raised up, I will go ahead of you to Galilee.” ³³Peter said to him, “Though all become deserters because of you, I will never desert you.” ³⁴Jesus said to him, “Truly I tell you, this very night, before the cock crows, you will deny me three times.” ³⁵Peter said to him, “Even though I must die with you, I will not deny you.” And so said all the disciples.

Third Reading

Luke 22:39-44

³⁹[Jesus] came out and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives; and the disciples followed him. ⁴⁰When he reached the place, he said to them, “Pray that you may not come into the time of trial.” ⁴¹Then he withdrew from them about a stone’s throw, knelt down, and prayed, ⁴²“Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me; yet, not my will but yours be done.” ⁴³Then an angel from heaven appeared to him and gave him strength. ⁴⁴In his anguish he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down on the ground. [...]

Fourth Reading

Mark 14:32-41

³²They went to a place called Gethsemane; and [Jesus] said to his disciples, “Sit here while I pray.” ³³He took with him Peter and James and John, and began to be distressed and agitated. ³⁴And he said to them, “I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and keep awake.” ³⁵And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. ³⁶He said, “Abba, Father, for you all things are possible; remove this cup from me; yet not what I want, but what you want.” ³⁷He came and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, “Simon, are you asleep? Could you not keep awake one hour? ³⁸Keep awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.” ³⁹And again he went away and prayed, saying the same words. ⁴⁰And once more he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy; and they did not know what to say to him. ⁴¹He came a

third time and said to them, “Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? Enough! The hour has come; the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. [...]”

Fifth Reading

John 17:1-6

After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, ²since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. ⁴I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. ⁵So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

⁶“I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. [...]”

Sixth Reading

John 17:15-22

[...] ¹⁵I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. ¹⁶They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁷Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.

²⁰“I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, ²¹that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²²The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, [...]”

Seventh Reading

John 18:1-5

After Jesus had spoken these words, he went out with his disciples across the Kidron valley to a place where there was a garden, which he and his disciples entered. ²Now Judas, who betrayed him, also knew the place, because Jesus often met there with his disciples. ³So Judas brought a detachment of soldiers together with police from the chief priests and the Pharisees, and they came there with lanterns and torches and weapons. ⁴Then Jesus, knowing all that was to happen to him, came forward and asked them, “For whom are you looking?” ⁵They answered, “Jesus of Nazareth.” Jesus replied, “I am he.” Judas, who betrayed him, was standing with them. [...]

Eighth Reading

Mark 15:16-20

¹⁶Then the soldiers led [Jesus] into the courtyard of the palace (that is, the governor’s headquarters); and they called together the whole cohort. ¹⁷And they clothed him in a purple cloak; and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on him. ¹⁸And they began saluting him, “Hail, King of the Jews!” ¹⁹They struck his head with a reed, spat upon him, and knelt down in homage to him. ²⁰After mocking him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him.

Ninth Reading

John 1:1-14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. ⁹The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

¹⁰He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. ¹¹He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. ¹²But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, ¹³who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

¹⁴And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. [...]

Stripping of the Altar

Please depart the service in silence.

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Leading Worship This Evening

The Rev. Stephen R. Silver, Pastor

Ernie Drown, Organ • Members of the Diaconate and Congregation, Ushers/Readers

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* † * **HOLY WEEK AT FCC** * † *

We invite you to continue the journey of Holy Week through Christ's Passion, Crucifixion, and Resurrection. Please contact the church office with questions or to receive a Zoom link for any service.

GOOD FRIDAY, April 18, 12:00-3:00 pm—Quiet Meditation on the Seven Last Words (Sanctuary)
7:00 pm—Service of the Word and Prayer (Sanctuary/Zoom)

EASTER SUNDAY, April 20, 6:00 am—Ecumenical Sunrise Service (Outside in Colburn Park)
Light Breakfast and Fellowship Following (FCC Parish Hall)
10:00 am—Festival Worship Service (Sanctuary/Zoom)

My Song Is Love Unknown

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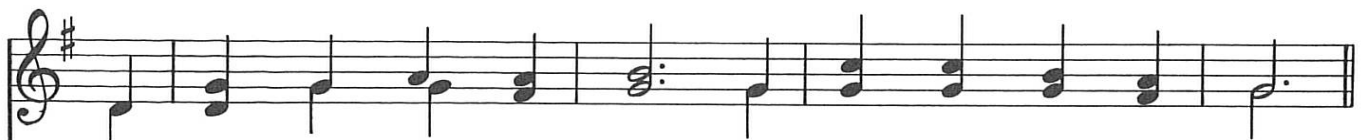
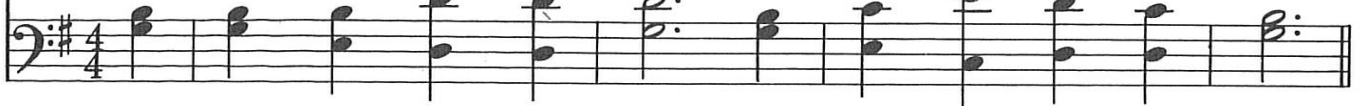
Samuel Crossman, c.1624-1684

RHOSYMEDRE 6.6.6.6.4.4.4.

John D. Edwards, 1806-1885



1 My song is love un - known, My Sav - ior's love to me,
2 He came from his blest throne, Sal - va - tion to be - stow;
3 Some-times they strew his way, And his sweet prais - es sing;
4 Why, what hath my Lord done? What makes this rage and spite?
5 Here might I stay and sing, No sto - ry so di - vine;



Love to the love - less shown, That they might love - ly be.
But men made strange, and none The longed - for Christ would know.
Re - sound - ing all the day Ho - san - nas to their king.
He made the lame to run, He gave the blind their sight.
Nev - er was love, dear King, Nev - er was grief like thine.



O who am I, That for my sake My Lord should take Frail
But O, my friend, My friend in - deed, Who at my need His
Then "Cru - ci - fy!" Is all their breath, And for his death They
Sweet in - jur - ies! Yet they at these Them-selves dis-please, And
This is my friend, In whose sweet praise I all my days Could



flesh, and die? My Lord should take Frail flesh, and die?
life did spend! Who at my need His life did spend!
thirst and cry. And for his death They thirst and cry.
'gainst him rise. Them-selves dis-please, And 'gainst him rise.
gai - ly spend. I all my days Could gai - ly spend. A-men.



O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

*Latin: 12th century**German: Paul Gerhardt, 1607-1676**Tr. James W. Alexander, 1804-1859, alt.*

PASSION CHORALE 7.6.7.6.D.

*Melody by Hans Leo Hassler, 1564-1612**Harm. by J.S. Bach, 1685-1750*

1 O sa - cred Head, now wound - ed, With grief and shame weigh'd down,
 2 What thou, my Lord, hast suf - fer'd Was all for sin - ners' gain;
 3 What lan - guage shall I bor - row To thank thee, dear - est friend;

Now scorn - ful - ly sur - round - ed With thorns, thy on - ly crown,
 Mine, mine was the trans - ges - sion, But thine the dead - ly pain.
 For this thy dy - ing sor - row, Thy pit - y with - out end?

How art thou pale with an - guish, With sore a - buse and scorn!
 Lo, here I fall, my Sav - ior! 'Tis I de - serve thy place;
 O make me thine for - ev - er; And, should I faint - ing be,

How does that vis - age lan - guish Which once was bright as morn!
 Look on me with thy fa - vor, Vouch - safe to me thy grace.
 Lord, let me nev - er, nev - er, Out - live my love to thee! A - men.

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Ah, Holy Jesus, How Hast Thou Offended

Johann Heermann, 1585-1647
Tr. Robert S. Bridges, 1844-1930

HERZLIEBSTER JESU 11.11.11.5.
Johann Crüger, 1598-1662

1 Ah, ho - ly Je - sus, how hast thou of - fend - ed,
2 Who was the guilt - y? Who brought this up - on thee?
3 For me, kind Je - sus, was thy in - car - na - tion,
4 There - fore, kind Je - sus, since I can - not pay , thee,

That man to judge thee hath in hate pre - tend - ed? By foes de -
A - las, my trea - son, Je - sus, hath un - done thee! 'Twas I, Lord
Thy mor - tal sor - row, and thy life's ob - la - tion; Thy death of
I do a - dore thee, and will ev - er pray thee, Think on thy

rid - ed, by thine own re - ject - ed, O most af - flict - ed!
Je - sus, I it was de - nied thee; I cru - ci - fied thee.
an - guish and thy bit - ter pas - sion, For my sal - va - tion.
pit - y and thy love un - swerv - ing, Not my de - serv - ing. A - men.

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