

# The Presbyterian Church of Okemos

April 1, 2021

Maundy Thursday



## Prelude

*O Sacred Head, Now Wounded*  
Dr. Marlene Brewbaker, organist

Michael Burkhardt, Setting

## Welcome

Rev. Peggy Huston

## Call to Worship:

Rick Gierman, Liturgist

One: We are Jesus' disciples,  
following him even as he moves toward the cross.

All: **Even as he wraps a towel around his waist.  
Even as he kneels to wash the filth from the feet of his friends.**

One: We are Jesus' disciples,  
longing to be faithful even as the night grows dark.

All: **Even as betrayers loom.  
Even as the powers that oppose the way of Christ press in around us.**

One: We are Jesus' disciples,  
struggling to love others even as Jesus loved us.

All: **We are Jesus' disciples,  
gathered here to worship God:  
Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer. Amen.**

## Prayer Litany for Maundy Thursday

(from the African American Lectionary website)

Rick Gierman, Liturgist

One: You knew your hour had come.  
You knew your betrayer.  
You knew your enemies.  
You knew that the straw vote would not be in your favor.  
But you loved unto the end.

All: **Thank you for loving us, even unto death.  
Teach us to love like you love.  
Teach us to love each other, to love even our enemies,  
like you loved us.**

One: You took on the form of a servant,  
washing the feet of those whom you disciplined.  
You defined humility and servanthood.  
You are he who was surely sent from God.

All: **Thank you for serving for us.  
Teach us to be servants without fail;  
to make humility our constant companion**

and to seek no glory for ourselves.  
Remind us when we forget.

One: On that solemn evening,  
you surrounded yourself with friends and those who would oppose you,  
persons of faith and persons of ill-will.

All: **Help us to be able to always emulate you  
when we are surrounded by our friends  
and especially when we are surrounded by those with whom we disagree.**

One: You have established a “new commandment;”  
help us to live it out in every moment,  
in every aspect of our lives,  
in our families, in our churches, in our communities,  
and throughout the world.

All: **On this Holy Day, we gather to remember again  
the miracle that you performed in our lives.  
You have brought us into the marvelous light.  
At great cost to you,  
you have given us new life and life eternal. Amen.**

**Hymn #206**

*This Is The Night*, vs. 1, 2, 3, 5  
Dr. Marlene Brewbaker, Organist

**Scripture Lesson**

John 13: 1-14

Rev. Peggy Huston

**Sermon**

“What Has Jesus Done For You – **Get Up** and Do The Same” Rev. Peggy Huston

**Special Music**

*Fac ut Portem* from *Stabat Mater*  
Natalie Sweeney, Soloist  
Dr. Marlene Brewbaker, Pianist

Rossini

Translation:

Let me, to my latest breath,  
In my body bear the death  
Of that dying Son of thine.

**Communion**

Rick Gierman and Rev. Peggy Huston

The Lord be with you

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks unto the Lord.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Thank you, O Lord, that with the sweep of creation you have revealed the beauty of your blessing . . .  
. . . . . all the way to certain death by Empire, yet he did not back down.

**Words of Institution**

**Communion Prayer**

**Hymn #221**

*O Sacred Head, Now Wounded, vs. 1-3*  
[Passion Chorale]

**Benediction**

Extinguishing of the Christ Candle

Rev. Peggy Huston

*Were You There?*  
Connor Koppin, soloist

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