

TRINITY REFORMED UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

MAUNDY THURSDAY  
April 9, 2020

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Peggy Stout

PRELUDE      “My God, My God”      Marty Light, Organist & Kim Vollinger, Flautist

*(12 Candles Are Lit - One for Each Disciple of Jesus)*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP *(Responsively)*      Kathy Winters, Liturgist

Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of God.

***Let us consider Him who endured such opposition from sinful people, so that we will not grow weary and lose heart.***

\*HYMN      “All Glory, Laud and Honor”      #249 Blue Book  
(Marty Light & Kathy Winters)

\*PRAYER OF INVOCATION *(Responsively)*      Kathy Winters, Liturgist

O Holy God, journey with us as we continue our way to the cross. Sharpen our focus, that our attention may center more on you than ourselves.

***Lead us through the shadows of darkness as we grasp the sacrifice you made for each of us and the pain and suffering you endured.***

Tonight, open our eyes to experience the beauty of Jesus’ self-giving love,  
***and by your Spirit, work in our hearts a desire and commitment to love you supremely and to serve each other and our hurting world.***

We ask all these things in the name of Christ our Lord. Amen.

*(Please be seated.)*

ORGAN INTERLUDE      “Near the Cross”      Marty Light, Organist  
*(#254 Blue Book-stanzas 1 & 2)*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(Responsively)*      Rev. Peggy Stout

God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, we are your covenant people—one church, drawn from all nations. Our citizenship is in heaven; yet we confess that we sometimes lose sight of your kingdom and its ways. We often conform to the ways of our world rather than be transformed into the likeness of Christ.

***Forgive us for losing our distinctiveness as followers of Christ—for wanting to be served rather than to serve; for not loving one another as you have loved us.***

Forgive us for forgetting the depth of your sacrifice and for treating your extravagant grace as cheap.

***Holy God, grant us mercy and receive our humble prayers as we remember and honor your Son, Christ Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.***

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS *(Responsively)*

Rev. Peggy Stout

In the cross of Christ, we see God's amazing love for us. In His abundant grace, God heals our pain and forgives our failures. Therefore, in the name of Christ and by His blood, we are forgiven.

***Thanks be to God!***

**ORGAN INTERLUDE**

*"Break Thou the Bread of Life"*  
(# 30 Blue Book - stanzas #1 & 3)

Marty Light

**SCRIPTURE**

Mark 14:12-17, 22-24

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On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb is sacrificed, his disciples said to him, 'Where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?' <sup>13</sup>So he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, 'Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you; follow him, <sup>14</sup>and wherever he enters, say to the owner of the house, "The Teacher asks, Where is my guest room where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?" <sup>15</sup>He will show you a large room upstairs, furnished and ready. Make preparations for us there.' <sup>16</sup>So the disciples set out and went to the city, and found everything as he had told them; and they prepared the Passover meal. <sup>17</sup> When it was evening, he came with the twelve.

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<sup>22</sup> While they were eating, he took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to them, and said, 'Take; this is my body.' <sup>23</sup>Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, and all of them drank from it. <sup>24</sup>He said to them, 'This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many.'

**COMMUNION PRAYER**

**SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION - *(All are welcome.)***

**SCRIPTURE**

Matthew 26:29-30

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<sup>29</sup>I tell you, I will never again drink of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom.' <sup>30</sup> When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

**ORGAN INTERLUDE**

Marty Light

**"CHRIST'S JOURNEY INTO THE DARKNESS!"**

**SCRIPTURE**

Mark 14:27-31

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<sup>27</sup>And Jesus said to them, 'You will all become deserters; for it is written, "I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered."<sup>28</sup> But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee.' <sup>29</sup>Peter said to him, 'Even though all become deserters, I will not.' <sup>30</sup>Jesus said to him, 'Truly I tell you, this day, this very night, before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times.' <sup>31</sup>But he said vehemently, 'Even though I must die with you, I will not deny you.' And all of them said the same.

Mark 14:32-42

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<sup>32</sup> They went to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples, 'Sit

here while I pray.’<sup>33</sup> He took with him Peter and James and John, and began to be distressed and agitated.<sup>34</sup> And he said to them, ‘I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and keep awake.’<sup>35</sup> And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him.<sup>36</sup> He said, ‘Abba, Father, for you all things are possible; remove this cup from me; yet, not what I want, but what you want.’<sup>37</sup> He came and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, ‘Simon, are you asleep? Could you not keep awake one hour?’<sup>38</sup> Keep awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.’<sup>39</sup> And again he went away and prayed, saying the same words.<sup>40</sup> And once more he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy; and they did not know what to say to him.<sup>41</sup> He 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.’<sup>42</sup> Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand.’

## SPECIAL MUSIC

*“You Were on the Cross”*

by Matt Maher

Marty Light, Kathy Winters, Kim Vollinger

## SCRIPTURE

Mark 14:43-50

Marty Light

<sup>43</sup> Immediately, while he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; and with him there was a crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders.<sup>44</sup> Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, ‘The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him and lead him away under guard.’<sup>45</sup> So when he came, he went up to him at once and said, ‘Rabbi!’ and kissed him.<sup>46</sup> Then they laid hands on him and arrested him.<sup>47</sup> But one of those who stood near drew his sword and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear.<sup>48</sup> Then Jesus said to them, ‘Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a bandit? <sup>49</sup>Day after day I was with you in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me. But let the scriptures be fulfilled.’<sup>50</sup> All of them deserted him and fled.

Mark 14: 53-65

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<sup>53</sup> They took Jesus to the high priest; and all the chief priests, the elders, and the scribes were assembled.<sup>54</sup> Peter had followed him at a distance, right into the courtyard of the high priest; and he was sitting with the guards, warming himself at the fire.<sup>55</sup> Now the chief priests and the whole council were looking for testimony against Jesus to put him to death; but they found none.<sup>56</sup> For many gave false testimony against him, and their testimony did not agree.<sup>57</sup> Some stood up and gave false testimony against him, saying, <sup>58</sup>‘We heard him say, “I will destroy this temple that is made with hands, and in three days I will build another, not made with hands.” ’<sup>59</sup> But even on this point their testimony did not agree.<sup>60</sup> Then the high priest stood up before them and asked Jesus, ‘Have you no answer? What is it that they testify against you?’<sup>61</sup> But he was silent and did not answer. Again the high priest asked him, ‘Are you the Messiah, the Son of the Blessed One?’<sup>62</sup> Jesus said, ‘I am; and “you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of the Power”, and “coming with the clouds of heaven.” ’<sup>63</sup> Then the high priest tore his clothes and said, ‘Why do we still need witnesses? <sup>64</sup>You have heard his blasphemy! What is your decision?’ All of them condemned him as deserving death.<sup>65</sup> Some began to spit on him, to blindfold him, and to strike him, saying to him, ‘Prophecy!’ The guards also took him over and beat him.



sabachthani?' which means, 'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?' <sup>35</sup>When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, 'Listen, he is calling for Elijah.' <sup>36</sup>And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying, 'Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down.' <sup>37</sup>Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. <sup>38</sup>And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. <sup>39</sup>Now when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, 'Truly this man was God's Son!'

VOCAL SOLO

"Were You There?"

Kathy Winters

**THE SOUND OF 12 CHIMES -- (Christ's 12 Disciples Flee)**

*(A candle will be extinguished, one representing each disciple that fled for his life that night. One candle will remain to remind us of Jesus' Resurrection, our HOPE and our LIGHT).*

**STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR - "Christ's Seven Last Words"**

*(All linens and paraments will be removed - the stripping of the altar and the sanctuary have come to symbolize the stripping of Jesus before the crucifixion. Please remain seated in silence. **The "seven last words of Jesus" will be spoken.** All are encouraged to pause for a few moments of reflection before leaving the sanctuary in silence:*

Go out into the night, contemplating what Jesus faced on that fateful Friday. Make note of what you experienced this evening. May you be continually transformed into the image of Christ. Just as Jesus honored God by placing God's will above his own, may God be glorified in our lives. Amen.

\* **POSTLUDE** "More Beautiful" by Sarah Hart & friends (Marty Light & Kim Vollinger)

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