

April 17, 2025

Wilbraham United Church



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MAUNDY THURSDAY

7:00 P.M.

PRELUDE Organ: Reflection on "Conditor alme siderum"

D. Lasky

Bells: What Wondrous Love Is This

arr. J. Krug

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

OPENING Rev. Janet

Leader: We are gathered in the presence of God, who asks us to choose goodness over evil, blessings over condemnation, truth over lies, life over death. Whom do we choose?

People: We choose the Lord.

*HYMN #292 (UMH)

What Wondrous Love Is This

CONFESSION OF SIN

Merciful God, We gather this evening with hearts burdened by our less than holy actions, for we have done things that we wish we could undo. We confess that we have failed in our desire to model your son, Jesus. We have turned away from our neighbors, pursued earthly goods at the expense of holy deeds, followed false prophets, and despotic idols. We have failed in our love for your creation and we have failed in our love for you. Have mercy on us, for our human failings are glaring in your presence. Come to us we pray and make us new again. Renew us and redeem us, and make us worthy to call ourselves your own. We pray all this in Jesus' name. Amen

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

Invitation to Give Offertory

Who Is That Man?

D. Besig

Chancel Choir

***Doxology** *UMH* #298, vs. 4 –

Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were an offering far too small; love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

*Prayer of Dedication

*HYMN #534 (UMH)

Be Still, My Soul

THE LAST SUPPER WITH JESUS CHRIST

Invitation to Communion

Pastor: God be with you

People: And also with you

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to God

Pastor: Let us give thanks to God Most High

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise

Words of Remembrance Distribution of Elements

Communion will be served by Intinction. When invited please process down the center aisle to the front of the church to receive the elements. After you have been served, please return to your seat by the side aisles of the sanctuary. If you are not able to process, a server will come to you.

Prayer of Thanksgiving



THE SERVICE OF TENEBRAE

The Shadow of Betrayal	Matthew 26:20-25	Marge Trimble
The Shadow of Desertion	Matthew 26:31-35	Kim Ryan
HYMN # 692 (<i>UMH</i>) verse 1		Creator of the Stars of Night
The Agony of the Soul	Luke 22:39-44	Marty Lyman
The Unshared Vigil	Mark 14:32-41	Deb Trimble
"Father, the hour is come"	John 17:1-6	Joyce Pierangelo
HYMN – see insert verse 1		Lamb of God
"That they may all be one"	John 17:15-22	April Beston
The Arrest in the Garden	John 18:1-5	John Colkos

HYMN #288 (UMH) verses 1-4

Were You There

The Word Was God John 1:1-14, 18 Rev. Janet

A Time of Silent Prayer

During the meditation and silence, the Chancel area is stripped of its adornments, and the cross is draped in black. We prepare to remember our Savior's death.

A Voice Out of the Darkness

Please leave the sanctuary in silence and continue to meditate on the Passion of our Savior.

* All who are able to stand, may do so.

Thank you for joining us in worship this evening. Is this your first visit to United Church? Please sign a Pew Card if you wish to be kept up-to-date regarding activities at the church.

MINISTERING TO YOU THIS EVENING

Pastor: Rev. Janet Sandquist-Skagerlind

Music Director: Roberta Morkin

Technical and Artistic Director: Deb Trimble

Ushers: Sandy Harris & Judy Hoffman

Communion: Joyce Pierangelo



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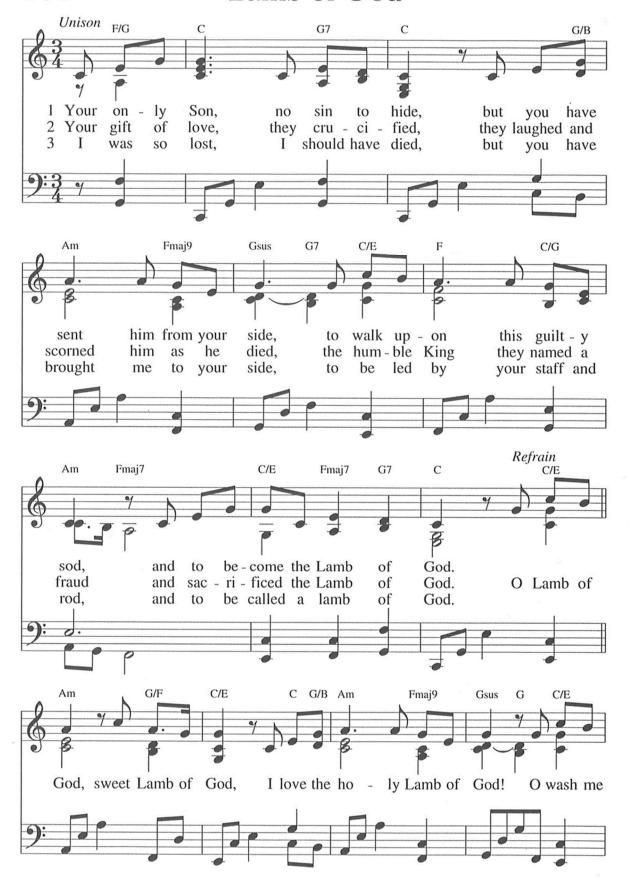
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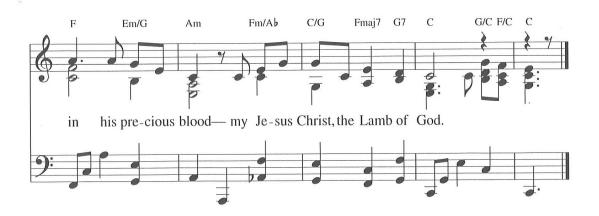
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Lamb of God





HOLY WEEK SERVICES

April 18, 2025 at 12:00 P.M.: Good Friday Service April 20, 2025 at 10:00 A.M.: Easter Sunday Service

