



**Federated Church of Sturbridge and Fiskdale
MAUNDY THURSDAY
April 14, 2022 ~ 7:00 pm Worship**

PRELUDE

ANTHEM

Who is That Man

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**WORDS OF WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION
GATHERING PRAYER**

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God of life, we lift our prayers for forgiveness. In our living, we deny the good that is in us.

All: We build small visions and remain blind to the magnificence of a servant's call.

One: Lord, Remind us that truth is truth, judgment has not been dismissed, and hope is alive and well in Christ our Lord.

All: Lead us to quiet moments and calm spirits so that we may know your presence in this place of Worship. Amen!

OPENING HYMN

What Wondrous Love Is This, #200

Words & Music: Appalachian Folk Hymn

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*What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,
what wondrous love is this, O my soul!*

*What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul!*

*When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,
when I was sinking down, sinking down;
when I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown,
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul, for my soul,
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul!*

*To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing,
to God and to the Lamb I will sing!
To God and to the Lamb, who is the great "I AM,"
while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,
while millions join the theme, I will sing!*

*And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on!
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be,
and through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
and through eternity I'll sing on!*

UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION (Unison)

Lord, in love, faith, and trust, we seek Your Holy Presence to be among us at this time. Invoke in us Your Holy Spirit that we may fully hear and understand what You desire from us. Lord, empower within us Your voice and thoughts, enabling us to proclaim the love, peace, and grace You have for all humankind. We ask this in Jesus' Name. Amen!

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19

GOSPEL READING

John 13:1-17, 31b-35

MEDITATION

HYMN

Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley, #211

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*Jesus walked this lonesome valley,
he had to walk it by himself;
O, nobody else could walk it for him,
he had to walk it by himself.*

*We must walk this lonesome valley,
we have to walk it by ourselves;
O, nobody else can walk it for us,
we have to walk it by ourselves.*

*You must go and stand your trial,
you have to stand it by yourself,
O, nobody else can stand it for you,
you have to stand it by yourself.*

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LORD'S PRAYER, #307

WORDS: Matthew 6:9-13 (KJV)

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Our Father, which 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, Amen.

INVITATION

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

RECEIVING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

(This is spiritually only, if in the Sanctuary: please stay in your places and use the elements in your Communion Boxes.)

WORDS OF INSTITUTION (Receiving the elements)

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (Unison)

O God, we thank you for uniting us by baptism in the body of Christ and by this meal filling us with joy and hope. Grant that in the days ahead, our lips which have sung your praises may speak the truth, our eyes which have seen your love may look with compassion on the world's needs, our hands which have held this loaf and cup may be active in your service. We ask it in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

ANTHEM

PIETA

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TENEBRAE

The Service of Shadows

I. The Shadow of Betrayal

Mark 14:17-21

II. The Shadow of the Agony of Spirit and Arrest

Mark 14:43-52

III. The Shadow of Accusation

Mark 15:2-15

IV. The Shadow of Crucifixion and Humiliation

Mark 15:20-32

V. The Shadow of Death

Mark 15:33-39

THE PROMISE

John 14:18-19, 27

I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while, the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. Peace, I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.

Luke 13:1-9 (NRSV)

Repent or Perish

13 At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. 2 He asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? 3 No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. 4 Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? 5 No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did."

The Parable of the Barren Fig Tree

6 Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. 7 So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' 8 He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. 9 If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"