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**NORTH HAVEN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

**Thursday, March 28, 2024**

**7:00 p.m.**

**The Vigil of Maundy Thursday  
The Sacrament of Communion & Service of Tenebrae**

**GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE:** *God So Loved The World*

John Stainer

**\*OPENING HYMN:** "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

**V663**

**\*THE CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leader: This is an evening to remember.

**PEOPLE:** **We remember the Passover Jesus shared with his disciples.**

Leader: We remember the new covenant of broken bread and cup.

**PEOPLE:** **We remember his night praying while others slept.**

Leader: We remember the arrest and trial, the betrayal and denial.

**PEOPLE:** **We remember his loneliness.**

Leader: This we do in remembrance of Jesus.

**PEOPLE:** **This we remember and it changes what we do.**

**ALL:** **We are faithful to this story; we do not let it pass.\*\***

**PRAYER OF INVOCATION:**~*unison*

Holy God, we come to worship in the gathering shadows of Jesus' suffering and death. We come with his friends, the men and women who have followed him in every place and generation, to live once again this story of service and betrayal, of weakness and courage. We come to witness your love in action. Be with us, we pray, in Jesus' name.

Amen. #

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION:**~*unison*

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen. #

~*silent confession*~

## **ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

**Leader:** This is the message we have heard from Christ and proclaim to you: God is light.

**PEOPLE:** **If we walk in the light as Christ is in the light, we have communion with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ cleanses us from all sin.**

**ALL:** **Thanks be to God. Amen.##**

**SCRIPTURE LESSON:** John 13:1-17, 31b-35 p. 1251

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. The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. Then 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. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" Jesus 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." For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean."

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

**HERE ENDS THE READING. THANKS BE TO GOD.**

**GIFT OF MUSIC:** *In Remembrance of Me*

Courtney Reagan & Buryl Red

Felicia Urbanski, violin

Sung by the Chancel Choir

# **THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

Invitation and Consecration

Distribution

Prayer of Thanksgiving

**HYMN:** “Jesus, Remember Me”

**V148**

## **PRAYER**

### **The Service of Tenebrae**

**The Shadow of Betrayal:** Matthew 26: 20-25

Silence

Extinguishing the Candle

**The Shadow of Desertion:** Matthew 26: 31-35

Silence

Extinguishing the Candle

**Hymn:** “O Sacred Head” v.1

**V145**

**The Agony of the Soul:** Luke 22: 39-44

Silence

Extinguishing the Candle

**The Unshared Vigil:** Mark 14: 32-41

Silence

Extinguishing the Candle

**Hymn:** “O Sacred Head” v. 2

**V145**

**Father, The Hour Has Come:** John 17:1-6

Silence

Extinguishing the Candle

**That They May All Be One:** John 17: 15-22

Silence

Extinguishing the Candle

**Hymn:** “O Sacred Head” v. 3

**V145**

**The Arrest in the Garden:** John 18:1-5,12

Silence

Extinguishing the Candle

**The Shadow of the Cross:** Mark 15:16-20

Silence

Extinguishing the Candle

**Final Reading:** Selections from John 1 and 3 (paraphrased)

**Darkness**

**Silence**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER** (*trespasses*)

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

### **Lighting of the Christ Candle**

### **Worship Leaders Recess in Silence**

Special thanks to Felica Urbanski for sharing her musical gifts with us this evening!

Thanks to our readers: Carol Amico, Jim and Joan Bennett, Sue Compton, Victor Maldonado, Heather Mastracchio, Priscilla Noriega, and John Tibor.

\*Whether in body or spirit, please rise.

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### **Please join us for the following online services:**

Noon Prayer on Good Friday (in-person and livestream) – 12:00p.m.  
Easter Worship (in-person and livestream) - 9:30 a.m.

**You are invited to bring cut flowers to decorate the cross** in front of the church beginning Saturday at noon.

Take a picture and send it to [churchoffice@norththavenucc.org](mailto:churchoffice@norththavenucc.org). We'd love to have a collection of Easter flower pictures to share!

**\*OPENING HYMN: "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"**

V663

1 My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of  
2 While life's dark maze I tread, and griefs a -  
3 May thy rich grace im - part strength to my

Cal - va - ry, Sav - iour di - vine. Now hear me  
round me spread, be thou my guide, bid dark - ness  
faint - ing heart, my zeal in - spire. As thou hast

while I pray; take all my guilt a - way.  
turn to day; wipe sor - row's tears a - way;  
died for me, O may my love to thee

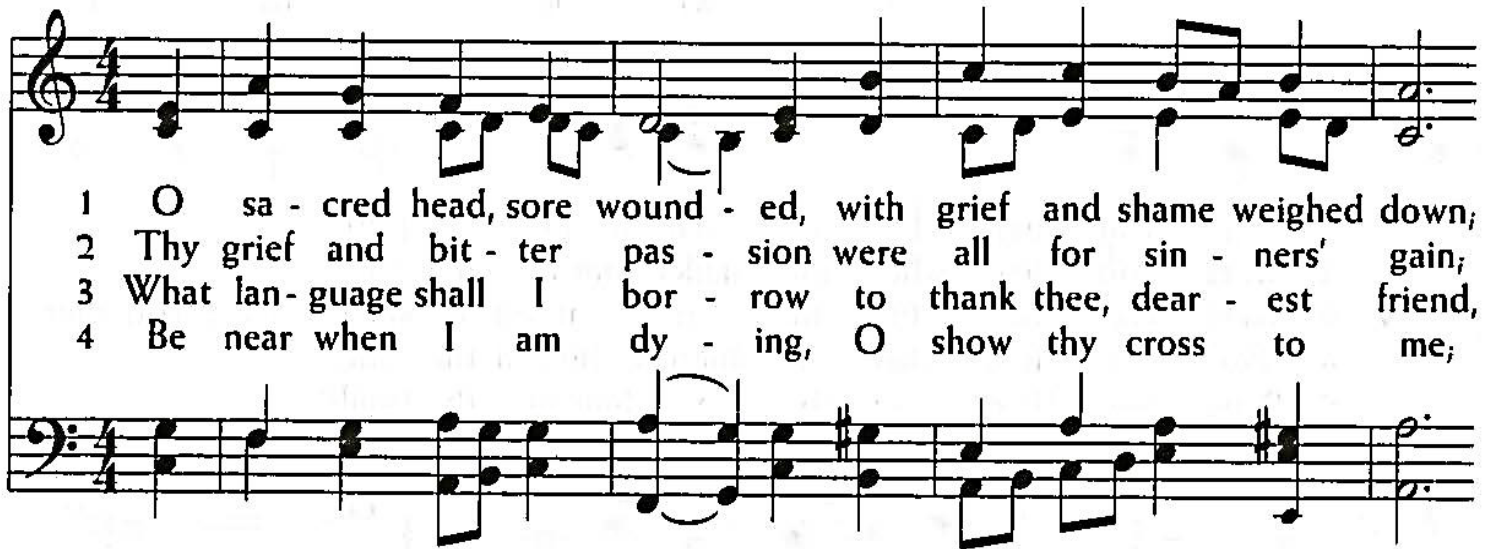
O let me from this day be whol - ly thine.  
nor let me ev - er stray from thee a - side.  
pure, warm, and change - less be, a liv - ing fire.

**\*HYMN: "Jesus, Remember Me"**

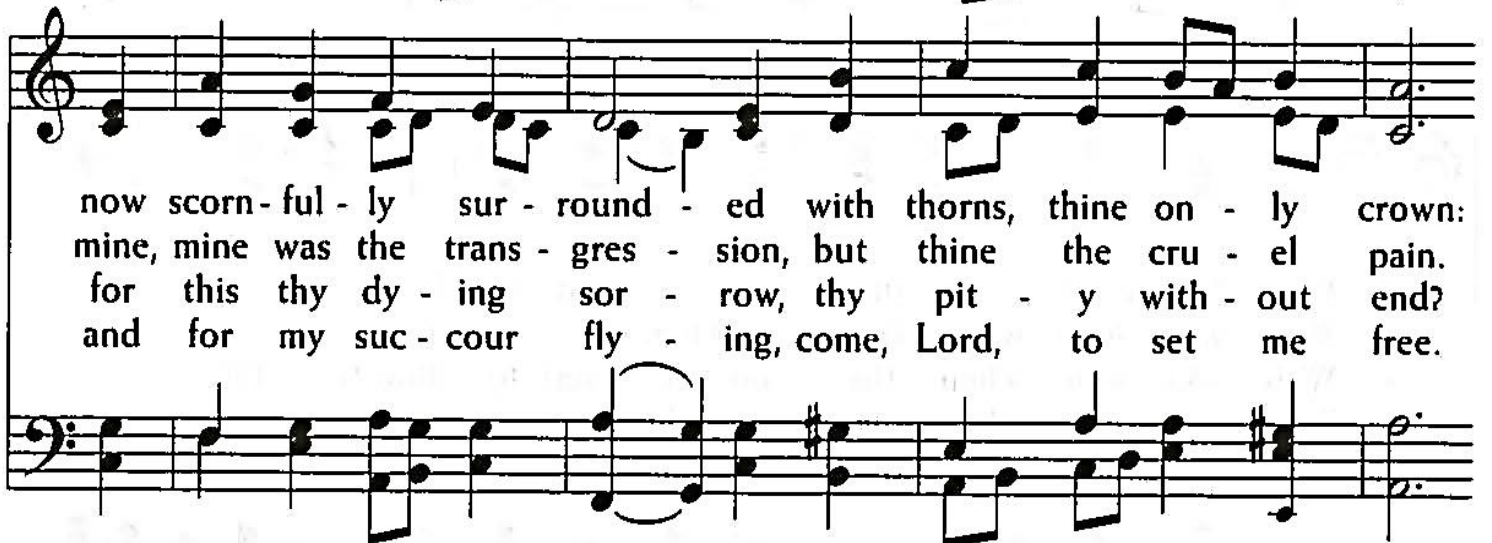
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Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your king - dom.

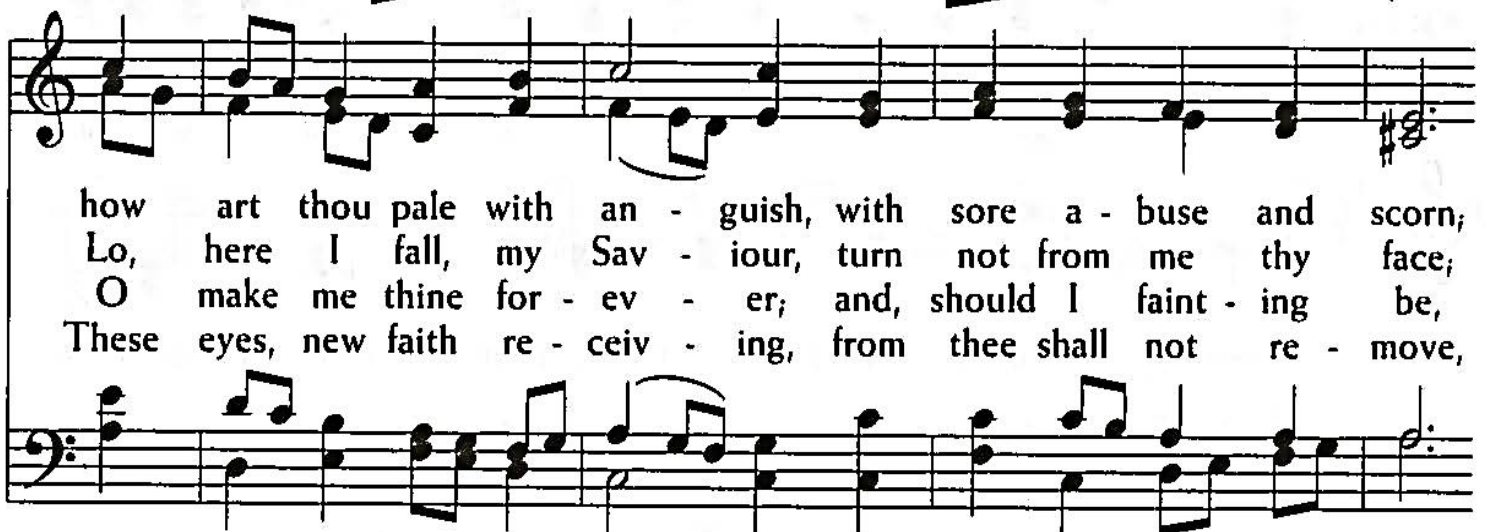
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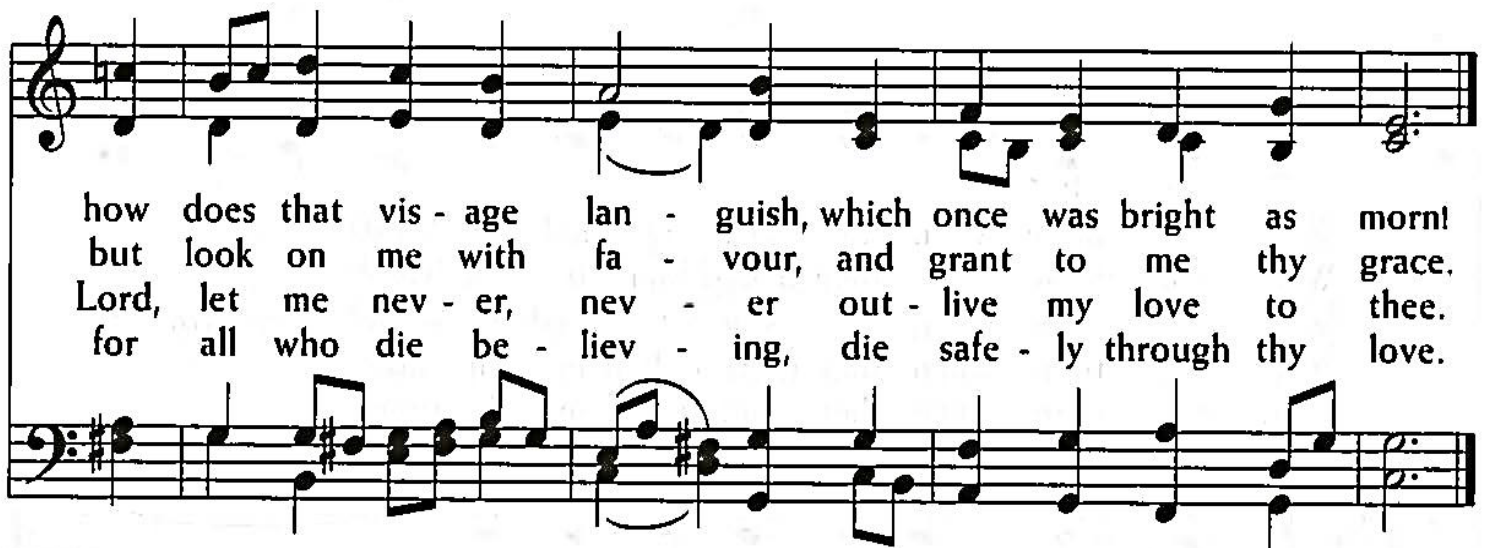
1 O sa - cred head, sore wound - ed, with grief and shame weighed down;  
 2 Thy grief and bit - ter pas - sion were all for sin - ners' gain;  
 3 What lan - guage shall I bor - row to thank thee, dear - est friend,  
 4 Be near when I am dy - ing, O show thy cross to me;



now scorn - ful - ly sur - round - ed with thorns, thine on - ly crown:  
 mine, mine was the trans - gres - sion, but thine the cru - el pain.  
 for this thy dy - ing sor - row, thy pit - y with - out end?  
 and for my suc - cour fly - ing, come, Lord, to set me free.



how art thou pale with an - guish, with sore a - buse and scorn;  
 Lo, here I fall, my Sav - iour, turn not from me thy face;  
 O make me thine for - ev - er; and, should I faint - ing be,  
 These eyes, new faith re - ceiv - ing, from thee shall not re - move,



how does that vis - age lan - guish, which once was bright as morn!  
 but look on me with fa - vour, and grant to me thy grace.  
 Lord, let me nev - er, nev - er out - live my love to thee.  
 for all who die be - liev - ing, die safe - ly through thy love.

**Church Staff:** All the Members, Ministers to the World  
The Reverend Scott G. Morrow, Senior Pastor  
Karlee Etter, Ministry Coordinator for Children  
Jeffrey Hutchins, Director of Music  
Heather Meachen, Organist  
Julie Schweickert, Office Manager  
Dave Nelson, Sexton

## **MISSION**

Our church's mission is to bind ourselves with Jesus Christ in:

- Worship together;
- Nurture of Christian discipleship; and
- Compassionate service to our community and beyond.

## **VISION**

We are a hub for the larger community as a church of action:

- Conducting regular, robust worship in a responsible and relevant way in an ever changing and challenging world;
- Welcoming all people from different and diverse backgrounds to become a community of disciples together; and
- Involved in purposeful action and activities through the structure of self-directed Mission Teams.

## **VALUES**

We:

- Pray together, encourage each other, and trust one another;
- Take personal responsibility for fellowship and our community; and
- Celebrate with honored traditions.

