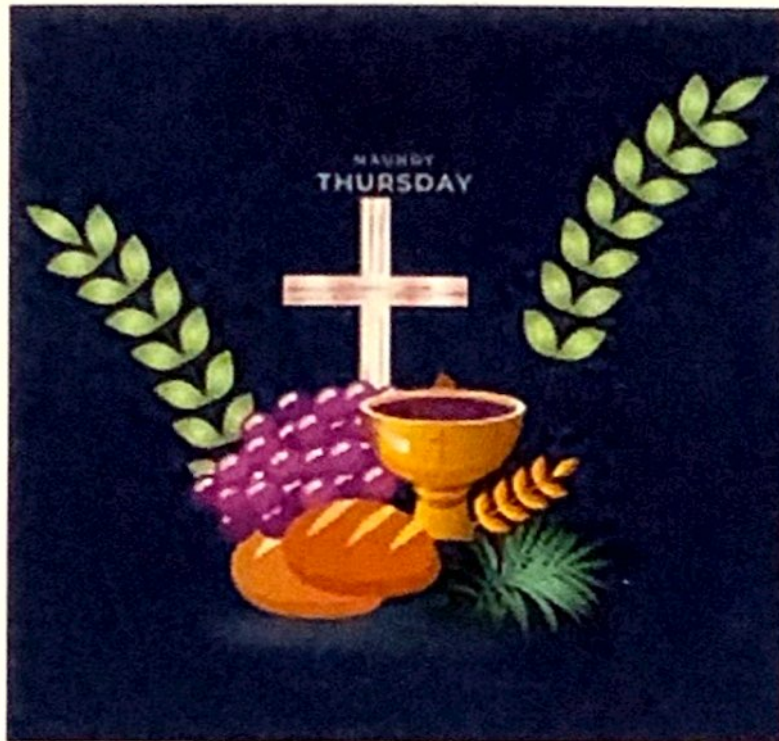


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**NORTH HAVEN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

April 2, 2026

7:00 p.m.

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

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE: *When Jesus Wept*

Charles Callahan

***OPENING HYMN:** “An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare” V130

***THE CALL TO WORSHIP:** (based on Ps. 27) ** Nancy Mahoney

Leader: God is my light and my salvation: whom shall I fear?

PEOPLE: God is the strength of my life: whom shall I dread?

Leader: Your presence, O God, I am seeking.

PEOPLE: Abandon me not to my foes, for deceivers rise up to oppose me, breathing out violence.

Leader: Trust in God. Stand fast and strengthen your courage.

ALL: Do not leave me or forsake me, O God, my salvation!**

PRAYER OF INVOCATION:~*unison*

Spirit of Christ, be with us now. Guide us in the hour of trouble; awaken us when we sleep. Help us to face the cross upon which you died for our sakes; help us to face the crosses we must carry. For we are your disciples – we will follow you even in fear and fainting, if you will consecrate us in truth, both spirit and flesh. Lead us through life and into death. We know that nothing can separate us from the love of God in you. Amen.##

GIFT OF MUSIC: *Ave Verum Corpus* Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791)
Sung by the Chancel Choir

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:~*unison*

Ever gracious God, we gather this evening hour as friends gathered with Jesus in an upper room long ago. We come bearing the marks of a bitter and broken world. We come from anonymous places, with dry and thirsty spirits. Remind us in the breaking of the bread of our

need and of your sufficiency. Refresh us and make us whole with the cup of forgiveness. Draw us nearer to each other in mutual service and closer to you in the covenant of faithfulness and thanksgiving. As the night advances, deepen in us a sense of your steadfast love for us in Jesus Christ, our friend and redeemer. Amen.##

~ *silent confession* ~

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

ALL: Thanks be to God. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON: John 13:1-17, 31b-35

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HERE ENDS THE READING. THANKS BE TO GOD.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation and Consecration

Distribution

Communion Hymn: "Jesus, Remember Me"

V148

Prayer of Thanksgiving

*HYMN: "Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love"

V593

PRAYER

The Service of Tenebrae

The Shadow of Betrayal: Matthew 26: 20-25

Jim Bennett

Silence

Extinguishing the Candle

The Shadow of Desertion: Matthew 26: 31-35

Suzanne Cifelli

Silence

Extinguishing the Candle

Hymn: "O Sacred Head" v.1

V145

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

Sue Compton

Silence

Extinguishing the Candle

The Unshared Vigil: Mark 14:32-41

Priscilla Maldonado

Silence

Extinguishing the Candle

Hymn: "O Sacred Head" v. 2

V145

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

Victor Maldonado

Silence

Extinguishing the Candle

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

Silence

Extinguishing the Candle

Hymn: "O Sacred Head" v. 3

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

Sandy Carter

Silence

Extinguishing the Candle

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

Beth Anderson

Silence

Extinguishing the Candle

Final Reading: Selections from John 1 and 3 (paraphrased) Rev. Cindy
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

*Those who are able, please stand.

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Please join us for the following services:

Good Friday Prayer Walk, Sanctuary (in-person) – 12:00-3:00 p.m.

Easter Sunrise (in-person only) – Gazebo on Town Green 6:00 a.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@northhavenucc.org. We'd love to have a collection of Easter flower pictures to share!

*OPENING HYMN: "An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare" V130

1. An up - per room did our Lord pre - pare for those he
 2. A last - ing gift Je - sus gave his own: to share his
 3. And af - ter sup - per he washed their feet, for ser - vice,
 4. No end there is! We de - part in peace, he loves be -

loved un - til the end: and his dis - ci - ples still
 bread, his lov - ing cup. What - ev - er bur - dens may
 too, is sac - ra - ment. In Christ our joy shall be
 yond the ut - ter - most: in ev - ery room in our

gath - er there to cel - e - brate their ris - en friend.
 bow us down, he by his cross shall lift us up.
 made com - plete: sent out to serve, as he was sent.
 Fa - ther's house Christ will be there, as Lord and Host.

Refrain (Unison)

F C7 F Am7 Dm7 Gm

Je - su,* Je - su, fill us with your love, show

C7 F Am Gm C7 F (Bb F) Fine

us how to serve the neigh - bours we have from you.

F Dm Gm C7

1 Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent - ly wash - es their
 2 Neigh - bours are rich — and poor, var - ied in col - our and
 3 These are the ones we should serve, these are the ones we should
 4 Kneel at the feet of our friends, si - lent - ly wash - ing their

A7 Dm F Gm C7 Bb D.C.

feet, mas - ter who acts as a slave — to them.
 race, neigh - bours are near — and far — a - way.
 love, all — are neigh - bours to us — and you.
 feet, this is the way we should live — with you.

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

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

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O Sacred Head

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.