



Maundy Thursday
4/14 @ 7pm, LIVE! On-Site & Online
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PRELUDE *An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare*

Valerie Becker, *piano*

WELCOME

Rev. John MacIver Gage

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CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Welcome to all who desire to know Jesus better. We gather tonight to recall the story of his last supper, his last hours. Are you willing to let Jesus wash your feet and call you blessed and beautiful?

Many: With the grace of God, we are.

One: Do you desire to share the feast of love Jesus has prepared for you and for all, and to take his commandment of love upon you?

Many: With the grace of God, we do.

One: Will you watch with Jesus at prayer in the garden, to struggle yourselves to be in unity with God's will for you, and follow where the night takes him?

Many: With the grace of God, we will.

One: Then even in this hour of darkness, especially here,

All: let us worship God in spirit and in truth, in word and in deed.

HYMN *Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love (see below)*

SCRIPTURE & SIGN: Foot-Washing

from the Gospels, John 13: selected verses

Rev. John MacIver Gage

ANTHEM *Ubi Caritas*, arr. M.J. Trotta Chancel Choir

*Where charity and love are, God is there. Christ's love has
gathered us into one.*

*Let us rejoice and be pleased in him. Let us revere and love the
living God.*

And may we love each other with a sincere heart.

SCRIPTURE & SIGN: Love Feast

from the Gospels, John 13: selected verses

Rev. Maddie Foster

HOLY COMMUNION (*together, using whatever food & drink
you have on hand*)

REFRAIN

Stay With Me

Stay with me, remain here with me;
watch and pray. Watch and pray.

SCRIPTURE & SIGN: Into the Dark

from the Gospels, Luke 22:39-46

Luke 22:47-53

Luke 22:54-62

CHARGE

POSTLUDE *Were You There?* arr. Julie A. Lind

Good Friday: Needham Ecumenical Worship

4/15 @ 7pm LIVE! via Zoom

We will share this opportunity to remember Jesus' execution on the cross and his "Seven Last Words" with neighbors in Needham as part of an ecumenical worship service hosted by **First Baptist Church, 858 Great Plain Avenue**. This service will be live on-site at First Baptist and on Zoom at our usual worship link.



Easter Sunday: "While It Was Still Dark"

4/17 @ 10am EDT LIVE! on-site & online via Zoom

1am. 2am. 3am. Technically, these are early *morning* hours, but as anyone who's woken up then knows, it is still quite dark. Sometimes only the clock tells you it's the morning and not midnight. The Gospel According to

John is clear that, just as a new day is born in the dark, whatever resurrection is, it's something that begins while it is still dark. Let's put our "learning to walk in the dark" skills to work and follow the faithful women to the tomb and have a look for ourselves. (John 20:1-18) *We will share holy communion. Rev. John to preach.*



We need your help to

FLOWER THE CROSS this Easter

A bare wooden cross stands at the center of our worship during this season of Lent. It will get even colder and harder during Holy Week as we accompany Jesus through the last hours of his life to his crucifixion on Good Friday and his burial in the tomb. But we believe death does not have the last word, and even the cross can be

redeemed. As a sign of our hope in the resurrection, **please bring flowers—LOTS OF FLOWERS—either from your lawn or the store, to decorate the cross and make it bloom on Easter Sunday, April 17 @ 10am.**



LAST CHANCE! Donate to Help Ukraine:

All donations will go directly to *Diakonia Kościoła Ewangelicko-Augsburskiego w RP*, a Polish Lutheran group that is working on the ground to help the millions of Ukrainian refugees both in Poland and Ukraine. **You may give**

online through PayPal [here](#) and selecting "Ukraine Relief" from the dropdown menu. You also may send a check, made out to The Congregational Church of Needham with "Ukraine" in the memo line. **Please give generously.**



Earth Day Sunday Worship

4/24 @ 10am EDT LIVE! on-site & online via Zoom

In our faith tradition, God calls on us to be stewards of creation, to “take care of it and look after it” (Genesis 2:15). But as Buddhist teacher, activist, and poet Thich Nhat Hanh reminds us, that “it” is us, and we care for the earth not out of external obligation but from an intimate place of love. Now, when creation is suffering so, it’s a good time to remember that... and to say it, out loud, maybe even write it down.

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,
show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.

Kneels at the feet of his friends, silently washes their feet,
Jesus, our brother, a humble man.

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,
show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.

Neighbors are wealthy and poor, varied in color and race;
neighbors are near and far away.

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,
show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.

These are the ones we would love, these are the ones we would
serve;
all these are neighbors, your children too.

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,
show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.

Loving puts us on our knees, thankful and humble and true;
this is the way we would live with you.

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,
show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.