

Shavertown United Methodist Church

Holy Thursday

April 6, 2023

The mission of the United Methodist Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ
for the transformation of the world!

(* indicates please stand if you are able)

PRELUDE "At the Cross" Arr. by Ralph Hudson
Piano: Nancy Evans

WELCOME

SILENT PREPARATION

***OPENING PRAYER**

Holy God, open us to the depths of your love hidden in the mystery of this night and this week. Let us hear your cries and whispers in the voices of all who suffer. Let us know your comforting hope in the midst of painful Good Fridays. Let us feel your forgiveness when we betray, deny and run away. Holy One, walk with us through the valleys and shadows until we come face to face with the radiant joy of the Risen Christ. Bring us to your Easter. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN** "Where He Leads Me" #338
Vs. 1, 2 & 4

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 22:7-13

MESSAGE "Two Men Who Let the Master Down" by Angela Akers

SILENT REFLECTION

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ANTHEM "I Will Remember You" by Lloyd Larson
Chancel Choir

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Abba, Our Father, we thank you for bread and for the fruit of the vine. God, you are faithful even when we are faithless. We thank you that your love is always ready to forgive. We thank you that Christ, acting in courage and faith, has won for us the victory over sin and death. May the bread and wine be signs of our renewed covenant with you, and may we ever be faithful, until at last we drink wine anew with Christ in your heavenly realm. . .

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

We do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in our manifold and great mercies we are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table. But You are the God of love, whose essence is always to have mercy. Grant us, gracious Lord, as we partake of this Sacrament of your Son Jesus Christ, that we may walk in newness of life, may grow into his likeness, and may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AFTER RECEIVING

Almighty God, Ruler of the universe, we thank you for your mighty acts of deliverance, when you enable us to cross over from despair to hope, from brokenness to wholeness, from death to life. We thank you for the deep love of Jesus, which moved him to risk himself for the redemption of humanity; and for the grace we experience in receiving these symbols of the life he gave. Through lives given over in commitment to you, make us worthy of this great love. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 22:39-46

CALL TO PRAYER

SILENT PRAYER

HYMN

“Are Ye Able”
Vs. 1 & 4

#530

PASTORAL PRAYER

***CLOSING HYMN**

“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”
Vs. 1-3

#452

***BENEDICTION**

May Jesus Christ, who for our sake became obedient unto death, even death on the cross,
keep you and strengthen you this night and forever.

Amen.

***POSTLUDE**

“Abide with Me”

By H. Lyte/W.H. Monk

Participants:

Rev. Jon Buxton

Readers: Landon Harvatine

Gary Young

Music: Nancy Evans

