

THE CUP HE TOOK FOR US

The safety and welcome of the table often keeps us from following to the garden. The garden is not a place we like to go - it's a place of our fears and our anxieties. It's not the place of nice neat answers. It's the place of questions. It's the place where we might weep, struggle and even wrestle with God. It's the place of the less popular Psalms, the Psalms of lament. It's the place where our will, our faith and our flesh meet.

HYMN

"Were You There?"

PH #102

IN THE GARDEN OF GETHSEMANE

Mark 14:32-42

³² And they went to a place called Gethsemane. And he said to his disciples, "Sit here while I pray." ³³ And he took with him Peter and James and John, and began to be greatly distressed and troubled. ³⁴ And he said to them, "My soul is very sorrowful, even to death. Remain here and watch." ³⁵ And going a little farther, he fell on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. ³⁶ And he said, "Abba, Father, all things are possible for you. Remove this cup from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will." ³⁷ And he came and found them sleeping, and he said to Peter, "Simon, are you asleep? Could you not watch one hour?" ³⁸ Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." ³⁹ And again he went away and prayed, saying the same words. ⁴⁰ And again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy, and they did not know what to answer him. ⁴¹ And he came the third time and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? It is enough; the hour has come. The Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. ⁴² Rise, let us be going; see, my betrayer is at hand."

MESSAGE

A Reflection on "The Oil Press"

Rev. Scott McGinnis

✠ PRAYER & CLOSING THOUGHTS

Jesus, Thank You for choosing the Cross.

Thank You for the Cup you gave, and Thank You for the Cup you drank for us.

Help us to hold fast in prayer, as You did Jesus, in the midst of anguish, disappointment, fear, confusion, and great loss. Jesus – help us to know - that just as God the Father was with You - YOU are with us by Your Holy Spirit.

Jesus help us to pray as you prayed: Not what I will – but what Your will be done.

In Your Name Jesus, Amen.

✠ BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Go to Dark Gethsemane"

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Maundy Thursday Service, April 14, 2022

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7:00 p.m. ~ Maundy Thursday Service ~ April 14, 2022

Rev. Scott McGinnis, Pastor
Helen Wild, Organist
Vada Snider, Music Director
Karen Loucks, Accompanist

PH = The Presbyterian Hymnal LUYH = Lift Up Your Hearts Songbook

✠ Congregation invited to stand, if able.

PRELUDE "Lenten Meditation"

WELCOME Pastor Scott

✠ **CALL TO WORSHIP** (Recite in unison)

Tonight we recall and remember

Tonight we remember what Christ has done

Tonight we reflect and worship

Tonight we listen and question

Tonight we follow our Lord

Tonight we remember the table

Tonight we pray in the Garden

Tomorrow we will follow to the Cross

✠ **PRAYER OF REFLECTION** (Recite in unison)

Heavenly Father, God of all power and might; when You sent forth Your Spirit, we were created; when we falter, You lift us up. We give You thanks for both life and breath. We praise You for Your indwelling presence. Come now, Holy Spirit, Breath of God, blow upon us today on Maundy Thursday; take away the chaos and tiredness of our lives. Move within us and confirm in our hearts the resurrection hope of Easter morning.

Renew us, we pray, in the name of Jesus, our Risen Lord. Amen.

✠ **HYMN** "Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

PH #92

SCRIPTURES

Matthew 26:1-4

¹When Jesus had finished all these sayings, he said to his disciples, ²"You know that after two days the Passover is coming, and the Son of Man will be delivered up to be crucified." ³Then the chief priests and the elders of the people gathered in the palace of the high priest, whose name was Caiaphas ⁴and plotted together in order to arrest Jesus by stealth and kill him.

Luke 2:7-14

Then came the day of Unleavened Bread, on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. ⁸So Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, "Go and prepare the Passover for us, that we may eat it." ⁹They said to him, "Where will you have us prepare it?" ¹⁰He said to them, "Behold, when you have entered the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him into the house that he enters ¹¹and tell the master of the house, 'The Teacher says to you, Where is the guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?'" ¹²And he will show you a large upper room furnished; prepare it there." ¹³And they went and found it just as he had told them, and they prepared the Passover. ¹⁴And when the hour came, he reclined at table, and the apostles with him.

SPECIAL MUSIC

"The Upper Room"

Choir Ensemble

JESUS POURED OUT FOR US

Luke 22:15-20

¹⁵And he said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. ¹⁶For I tell you, I will not eat it again until it finds fulfillment in the kingdom of God."

¹⁷After taking the cup, he gave thanks and said, "Take this and divide it among you. ¹⁸For I tell you I will not drink again from the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes."

¹⁹And he took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me."

²⁰In the same way, after the supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you."

LORD'S SUPPER

Come forward for Cup & Bread or Individual Elements

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

²³For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, ²⁴and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me." ²⁵In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me." ²⁶For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.