

Maundy Thursday

April 14, 2022



Rev. Raygan Baker



First Congregational Church of Fresno

United Church of Christ

WELCOME

Are you a guest with us, or interested in connecting with us?

Text “New” to 559-425-4050 and fill out the Connect Card.

Does your infant or toddler need a minute, a change, or a good cry?

Don’t worry, we’ve (literally) all been there.

The service is livestreaming in our Caring Room (Room 1) nearby, where there is space and supplies to help get what your child needs.

(*Congregation may stand | Responses: Liturgist/**Congregation/all**)

Gathering

Prelude

Scott Horton, organ

Welcome

Rev. Raygan Baker

Lighting the Christ Candle and Tenebrae Candles

***Hymn**

“We Have Gathered, Jesus Dear”

#74, pew hymnal

Invocation

O Lord our God,

Tonight we gather to remember your Son Jesus, and his sacrifice of love for us. We pause to remember his last meal with his closest friends and disciples. We pause to remember the betrayal he would suffer. We pause to remember the pain that would be his to bear. We gather to bear witness. We gather to grow in our faith and be renewed once again by your story of mystery, by your demonstration of true power. Send your Spirit to be with us from this night until Easter morning. In your name we pray. Amen

A Last Supper

Prayer of Confession

We confess tonight that we are like those who crucified our Lord.

We are like those who denied Jesus—refusing to claim him as Lord of our whole life.

We are like those who have mocked him—forgetting his power in this world.

We are like those who made him a crown of thorns—diminishing his authority in our lives.

We are like those who hung him on a Cross—choosing the allure of violence and fear rather than justice and peace.

We are like those who turned away their gaze—afraid to enter into the suffering of this world.

Forgive us. Have mercy upon us.

In these days of emptiness and death, we begin tonight to offer our confessions to you in silence.....

A moment of silence is observed

Words of Assurance

Even in the darkness of this night, even in the emptiness of these hours that stretch out before Easter morning the promise of the Resurrection is still at hand.

It is a dim light, and yet to the light we cling.

Give us grace to receive this assurance of your love.

Grant us peace on this night. Amen.

*Communion Hymn

“Jesus Took the Bread”

#343, pew hymnal

Invitation to the Table

The peace of Christ be with you:

And also with you.

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

The 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 debts,

as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation;

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,

the power, and the glory,

forever. Amen.

Words of Institution

Sharing the Meal

Communion Music

“Finest Wheat” -arr. K. Keil

Prayer of Thanksgiving

O Lord our God,

we rise from this table

knowing a love beyond our deserving.

Thank you for giving us a place at your table;

for serving us the bread of life;

for offering to us,

even to us,

the cup of salvation.

In humility and hope,

we go with you,

into the shadows. Amen.

Into the Shadows

Meditation

After each reading, a candle will be extinguished

One	Luke 22:14-23, <i>A Holy Meal</i>	Peter Wall
Two	Luke 22:39-46, <i>Praying</i>	Sis. Beverly Curry
Three	Luke 22:47-53, <i>Arrest</i>	Sis. Brenda Shoals
Four	Luke 22:54-65, <i>Denial</i>	Mary Wall

*Hymn

"Were You There," vs. 1 (page 4)

Five	Luke 22:66-71, <i>The Council</i>	Sis. Ella Washington
Six	Luke 23:1-5, <i>The Governor</i>	Sis. Nyasha Blathers
Seven	Luke 23:6-12, <i>Herod</i>	Dolores Torres
Eight	Luke 23:13-25, <i>Politics</i>	Bro. Charles Curry

*Hymn

"Were You There," v. 2

Nine	Luke 23:26-31, <i>On The Way</i>	Sis. Linda Rolland
Ten	Luke 23:32-43, <i>The Condemned</i>	Char Lund
Eleven	Luke 23:44-49, <i>Death</i>	Sis. Marie Chatman
Twelve	Luke 23:50-56, <i>Burial</i>	Sis. Kia Venson

*Hymn

"Were You There," vs. 3

Final Prayer

We wait, O God. You promise new life, but death must come before we can be born again. And so we wait in the shadows for your promises to come, knowing that you sit and wait with us through the night. We hold on to you, God, our courage and our hope. Amen.

People Leave in Silence



**Special Thank You
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We Have Gathered, Jesus Dear

Tobias Clausnitzer, 1663

Transl. Madeleine Forell Marshall, 1993

1 We have gath - ered, Je - sus dear, we have come to
 2 All our in - tel - lec - tual dreams come to noth - ing,
 3 Born of God, true light of light, Ho - ly Spir - it,

watch and lis - ten. Fix our minds, our sens - es clear,
 fade at day - break. All our hope - ful plots and schemes,
 pure, un - fail - ing: All our fac - ul - ties ex - cite,

to re - ceive your heav - en - ly les - son. Please im - prove our
 start in pre - tense, end in heart - ache. Thought - ful speech, and
 ears and heart and mouth un - seal - ing: Then, through Je - sus'

con - cen - tra - tion: draw us in - to con - tem - pla - tion.
 ac - tive jus - tice, you ac - com - plish these with - in us.
 me - di - a - tion, God will hear our sup - pli - ca - tion.

Written to precede the sermon, this hymn briefly reflects the Nicene Creed in the third stanza. Tobias Clausnitzer, a German Lutheran pastor, served for a time as a chaplain to a Swedish regiment and later as a parish pastor.

Tune: LIEBSTER JESU 7.8.7.8.8.8.

Johann R. Ahle, 1664

Harm. Das grosse Cantional, Darmstadt, 1687

Matt. 26:26–28; Luke 9:16; 22:19; 24:30

Ruth Duck, 1982

Unison D A F#m Bm Em7 D/A A7

1 Je - sus took the bread, dai - ly gift of God,
 2 Je - sus blessed the bread, thanked the God of grace,
 3 Je - sus broke the bread; then he poured the wine.
 4 Je - sus gives the bread at our ta - ble still,

Bm Bm7 GM7 C Em7 A7

formed of wheat and sweat and toil, sun, rain, and sod.
 thanked the One who made all worlds, all time, all space.
 Bro - ken bod - y, life poured out, God gives as sign.
 gives the cup to those who seek God's lov - ing will.

D A Bm Em F#m GM7 A7

In our hands we take gifts of bread and wine,
 Bless - ing, hon - or, praise, all to God be - long.
 Weak, a - fraid, and lost: that is when we're healed.
 Let us go in peace; let us free - ly give,

D A F# Bm Em A7 D

gath - ered from the fields of earth, signs of love di - vine.
 Let us lift our hearts to God in a thank - ful song.
 In our hu - man bro - ken - ness: there God is re - vealed.
 shar - ing love with all the world dai - ly as we live.

Ruth Duck wrote this hymn emphasizing the actions of communion—taking, blessing, breaking, and giving the bread—following a summer study of liturgy at the University of Notre Dame. It was first used at New Hope United Church of Christ in Milwaukee.

Tune: NEW HOPE 10.11.10.12.

Ruth Duck, 1982

Arr. Randall Sensmeier, 1982

John 18:1-20:18

James Montgomery, 1820; alt.

1 Jour - ney to Geth - se - ma - ne, go and feel the
 2 Fol - low then to Pi - late's hall, view the Lord of
 3 Cal - vary's mourn - ful moun - tain climb, see the Sav - ior
 4 Ear - ly has - ten to the tomb, hear the cry of

tempt - er's power; Your Re - deem - er's con - flict see,
 life ar - raigned; Crowned with thorns and mocked by all,
 lift - ed high, Mark the mir - a - cle of time,
 great sur - prise; Then the si - lence in the room,

watch the an - guish of this hour; Do not hide or
 faith - ful - ly this pain sus - tained; Great - er still than
 God's own Child is sac - ri - ficed; "It is fin - ished!"
 Je - sus there no long - er lies: Christ is ris - en!

turn a - way: learn from Je - sus how to pray.
 shame or loss, Je - sus now must face the cross.
 Je - sus cries: learn from Je - sus how to die.
 Re - al - ize that with Christ we, too, may rise.

James Montgomery, born of Moravian missionary parents, edited a newspaper in England. Risking imprisonment, he published articles advocating human rights, including the abolition of slavery. He wrote more than 400 hymns.

Tune: REDHEAD NO. 76 7.7.7.7.7.7.
 Richard Redhead, 1853

WERE YOU THERE

Chords: Eb Bb Cm Bb Eb

1. Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? _____ Were you
 2. Were you there when they nailed him to the tree? _____ Were you
 3. Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? _____ Were you

Chords: Gm Cm Bb Eb Bb Eb Ab

1. there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? _____ Oh!
 2. there when they nailed him to the tree? _____ Oh!
 3. there when they laid him in the tomb? _____ Oh!

Chords: Eb Ab Eb G Cm Ab Eb/G

1. _____ Some - times it caus - es me to trem - ble, trem - ble,
 2. _____ Some - times it caus - es me to trem - ble, trem - ble,
 3. _____ Some - times it caus - es me to trem - ble, trem - ble,

Chords: Ab Bb Ab Eb/Bb Bb Cm Bb Eb

1. trem - ble. _____ Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? _____
 2. trem - ble. _____ Were you there when they nailed him to the tree? _____
 3. trem - ble. _____ Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? _____

West Fresno Ministerial Alliance will be presenting
The Seven Last Words of Jesus
7pm on April 15

Good Friday evening at the St. Paul CME
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Holy Week
At The Big Red Church

2131 N. Van Ness Blvd. BigRedChurch.org

Palm Sunday, April 10

Exploration Hour, 9:00am

Children's Palm Procession, 9:45am

Worship, 10:00am

Maundy Thursday, April 14

Tenebrae Service, 7:00pm

Good Friday, April 15

Drop-In Prayer, 11:00am-2:00pm

Easter Sunday, April 17

Sunrise Service, 6:30am

Exploration Hour, 9:00am

Easter Worship, 10:00am

Egg Hunt, 11:00am

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FCCF Open and Affirming Statement

We believe that all people are sacred creations of a loving God. We affirm the diversity that exists among us. We strive to answer the call of Christ by extending his love, compassion and acceptance to everyone. In this spirit, we open our family of faith to people of every religious background, sexual orientation, family composition, physical and mental ability, race, age and gender.

As Christians, we experience God's reconciling love. In response we stand with those who suffer discrimination, isolation and alienation. We welcome all people to participate fully in our church's life and ministry. We celebrate the variety of talents and perspectives which flow into our spiritual community, continuing to enrich us in ways we could not have predicted or envisioned.