

MUSIC MEDITATION

"Once Upon a Tree"

Sanctuary Choir

THE READING FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

The Evening Scripture *Matthew 26:17-29* pg. 878

The Evening Meditation *"Getting past the betrayal"*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

This evening's Eucharist will be shared in either the Board Room or the Stage of the family Life Center. You will be directed as to where to go in groups of twelve when dismissed by the Ushers. Going in groups of twelve is representative of the twelve disciples who shared the final meal with our Lord. In either the Board Room or Family Life Center, you will be greeted by a table that has been set to reflect the times of that first Holy Communion. Please find a seat at the table as soon as you enter and then allow yourself to go back in time and be there when Jesus gave that great command, "This do in remembrance of me."

While Communion is being observed by those in the rooms, those of us remaining in the Sanctuary are asked to join in the singing of the following hymns:

- "For the Bread Which You Have Broken"* # 614
- "Let Us Break Bread Together"* # 618
- "Here, O Lord, I See Thee"* # 623
- "Become to Us the Living Bread"* # 630
- "Fill My Cup Lord"* # 641

Upon returning from the "Upper Rooms," you are invited to hammer a nail into our cross lying on the floor in the front of the Sanctuary.

THE READING FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

The Evening Scripture *Matthew 26:47-56* pg. 878

The Evening Meditation *"Devoted or Deserted?"*

*HYMN

"When Jesus Wept"

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SENDING FORTH

GOING FORTH

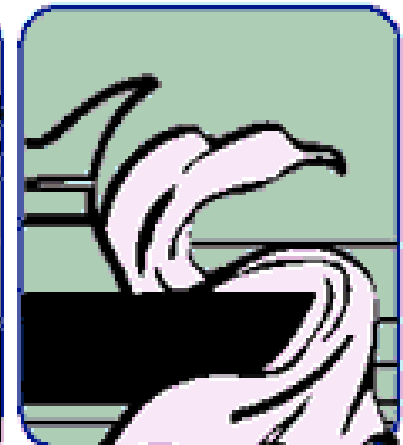
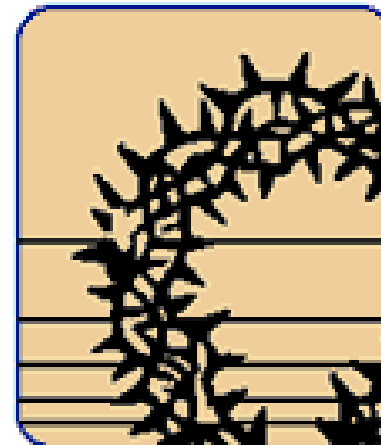
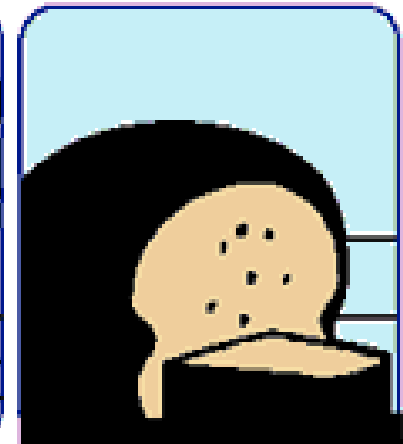
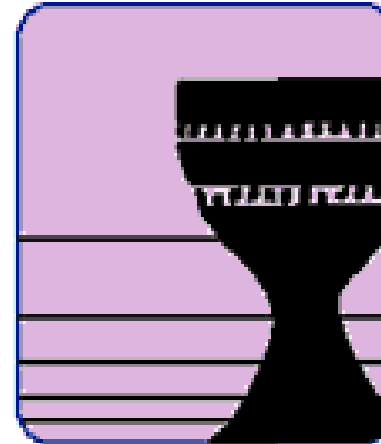
As you depart this evening's service, you are asked to do so in complete silence, remembering that while Your Savior knows what is to come, He still continues on His journey to the cross in order that you may have eternal life.



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Mt. Nittany United Methodist Church

Sunday Worship Bulletin

Holy Thursday *April 9, 2009*



Good Evening!

April 9, 2009

Thursday

Grace and peace to you from God our Father
and our LORD Jesus Christ...

A few words of worship preparation ...

On this night, Christians around the world commemorate the last supper which Jesus shared with his disciples before His crucifixion. It was at that last meal where Jesus instituted one of our most treasured sacraments, the sacrament of the LORD'S Supper, or Holy Communion (Matthew 26:26-29; Mark 14:22-25; Luke 2:13-20). Also, it is during this service which the act of foot washing will be remembered prior to our Eucharistic meal.

As we gather this evening, let us be ever mindful of the seriousness for which we come. This is thought to be the last evening of Jesus' earthly ministry. In His last evening He continues to share and to give, even to the one who would betray Him. Let us allow ourselves to freely fellowship with each other as we gather and prepare for this service. But then, through the service, let us remember the seriousness of the moment.

The places in the bulletin marked by the asterisk (*) indicate those places where you should stand if you are able to do so. **Also, the heavy blue type such as this indicates that you should join in the response as printed.**

May God bless us as we worship His name this evening!

PRELUDE

"Go to Dark Gethsemane"

Brunner

ENTRANCE

*GREETING

Pastor: The grace of the LORD Jesus Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Taste and see the goodness of the LORD.

People: Christ has prepared a feast of love.

*HYMN

"Jesu, Jesu"

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*CONFESSION AND PARDON

Pastor: My sisters and brothers, Christ shows us His love by becoming a humble servant. Let us draw nearer to God and confess our sins in the truth of God's Spirit.

People: Most merciful God, we Your church confess that often our spirit has not been that of Christ's. Where we have failed to love one another as He loves us, where we have pledged loyalty to Him with our lips and then betrayed, deserted, or denied Him, forgive us we pray; And, by Your spirit make us faithful in every time of trial. We pray this, through Jesus Christ our LORD, Amen.

Pastor: Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ. But Christ suffered and died for us. He was raised from the dead and ascended on high for us. He, to this very night, continues to intercede for us. Believe the good news; In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

ALL: GLORY TO GOD! AMEN.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

THE READING FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

The Evening Scripture *John 13:1-10*..... pg. 947

The Evening Meditation

A SERVICE OF FOOT AND HANDWASHING

Footwashing is a powerful symbolic response to the Word, dramatizing the servanthood of Jesus, both on the night before his death and in his continuing presence in our midst. The alternative title for this day, Maundy Thursday, recalls the new commandment (mandatum novum in Latin) in John 13:34. The service may appropriately be called Maundy Thursday when footwashing occurs in imitation of Jesus' actions and as a response to his new commandment to love one another. In addition to foot washing, we also will share in a service of hand washing as we wash the hands of one another while we sing the following hymns:

"Nearer My God To Thee"

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"Where Charity and Love Prevail"

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