



The Fall of the Angel, Marc Chagall, 1947

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PALO ALTO, UCC



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Maundy Thursday
March 28, 2024

Maundy Thursday Order of Worship
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Maundy is the English form of the Latin word *mandatum* meaning *commandment*. On Maundy Thursday, we remember Jesus' new commandment to "love one another even as I have loved you." Jesus demonstrated this love through his example of servanthood, washing the disciples' feet and sharing the bread and the cup.

Prelude

Adagio in A minor
Joe Guthrie, Organ

J.S. Bach

Call to Worship

Psalm 116

Leader: I love the Lord, because he has heard my voice.

People: I will call upon God as long as I live.

Leader: God is gracious and merciful.

People: When I was brought low, God saved me.

Leader: I kept my faith, even when I was afflicted.

People: I will lift the cup of salvation.

Leader: I will call on the name of the Lord.

People: The Lord has dealt bountifully with me.

Foot washing

John 13:1-15

At the beginning of the Last Supper, Jesus washed the feet of his disciples as a sign that we are all called to serve one another. Eileen Altman will be leading a time of footwashing, and those who wish to participate will be invited to wash the feet of the next person.

Opening Hymn #183 *What Wondrous Love Is This?

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul?

What wondrous love is this, O my soul?

What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss

To bear the heavy cross for my soul, for my soul?

To bear the heavy cross for my soul.

The Crucifixion

David Howell

Music: *Were You There?*

Burleigh

The Lamentation

Kathy Terry

Music: *Sing My Soul, His Wondrous Love*

Rorem

Benediction

Chimes

Octet: Emily Bender, Lauren Biglow, Tim Biglow, Debra Lambert, Daniel Lockert, Jenny Matteucci, Chris Purdum, & Nathan Wilen

Holy Week Events:

- **Good Friday:** The Chancel Choir will lead a service of Tenebrae at 7:30 in our sanctuary and on Zoom, featuring a reading of the Passion.
- **Easter Sunday:** Worship with brass, timpani, all our choirs, and the Hallelujah Chorus at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. Goodies will be provided between services.
- **Easter Hunt:** Join us at 10:30 a.m. in the playground on Easter Sunday following the first service for our annual Easter Hunt. We will search for Easter bags throughout the backyard. Bring your friends for some sweet and playful fun!

If you are visiting with us today, welcome! You can visit our **Welcome Table** in the narthex after worship to pick up a gift bag with information about our church and a coupon for a specialty coffee in Sacred Grounds, our café in the Social Hall.

Ways to Give: You can contribute financially to the church by: dropping a gift in the red box at the welcome table, mailing a check to the church address, giving online at www.fccpa.org, texting "Give 25" (or any amount you choose) to 650-459-0688, or scanning the QR code to give via PayPal.



Participating in Today's Service:

Senior Pastor:	Rev. David Howell
Associate Pastor:	Rev. Dr. Eileen Altman
Art Historian:	Kathy Terry
Dir. of Children's Ministries:	Todd Erickson
Director of Music:	Joe Guthrie
Choral Director:	Jenny Matteucci
Assistant Organist:	Daniel Lockert
Liturgist:	Marilyn Corvin
Tech and A/V Support:	Steve Terry, Chris Beer, Ben Roberts, David Morrison, Robert Peng, Greg Evans, Bruce Douglas

Coming to FCCPA

- **Congregational Meeting:** Join us after worship on Sunday, April 7 for a congregational meeting. We will approve the preliminary budget to launch our Stewardship Campaign and we will hear a presentation from our Courtyard Committee.
- **Ah, Fauré!** The Congregational Concert Chorale will present a program of the music of Gabriel Fauré on Sunday, April 14 at 3:00 p.m. in our sanctuary. No tickets are required. Come and enjoy the wonderful music!
- **Spring Musical:** An intergenerational cast of over 50 children, youth, and adults will present the musical comedy *Eras of Esther*, the story of Esther featuring the music of Taylor Swift. Performances are Saturday, April 27 at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday, April 28 at 3:00 p.m.
- **New Members:** We will be welcoming new members on April 14 and 21. If you would like to learn more about joining the church, please contact Pastor Dave Howell: David@fccpa.org.
- **Confirmation and Education Celebration:** Join us for worship on May 12 for Confirmation Sunday, when we welcome young people into full membership in the church.
- **Vacation Bible School:** VBS will be from 9:00 a.m. to noon, June 17 – 21. This is always one of the best weeks of the year! To learn more, contact Teacher Todd: Todd@fccpa.org.

Welcome!

We are so grateful that you have chosen to worship with us today. Our hope is that you will find a warm welcome here and an experience of God's presence as we worship together. We worship regularly at 10:00 a.m. every Sunday morning here in our sanctuary.

Land Acknowledgement: As a community dedicated in covenant to welcome and include all, we respectfully acknowledge the Ramaytush Ohlone peoples, original inhabitants of the San Francisco Peninsula where we, in faith, now gratefully gather and worship. We lament the centuries of injustices committed against and endured by Indigenous peoples and recognize that injustices continue in the present. We invite all peoples to come together in full relationship with one another as we learn and adapt in our efforts to care for this land. We seek a deeper understanding of our relationship to the land and with the Bay Area Native peoples, one that promotes healing and justice within our faith community and the world beyond.

Open and Affirming Statement, adopted in 2007: As we, the members of the First Congregational Church of Palo Alto, seek to embody God's extravagant welcome to all, we declare ourselves to be an Open and Affirming congregation of the United Church of Christ, welcoming into the full life and ministry of our church all who are LGBTQ+.

Looking for Zoom meeting links? You can find them at fccpa.org on the Calendar of Events page.

Do you get our weekly "This Week at FCCPA" email newsletter? It's the best way to stay up-to-date on church events. Contact office@fccpa.org to sign up to receive it.

Get social: Follow @FCCPA on [Instagram](#) and [Twitter](#) and like the First Congregational Church of Palo Alto on [Facebook](#) to interact with and share our content to extend our reach.

Contact our Pastors: If you would like to learn more about the church or talk with one of our pastors, please contact us at David@fccpa.org or Eileen@fccpa.org. For Pastoral Emergencies, you may contact Rev. David Howell at 650-906-7284 or Rev. Dr. Eileen Altman at 831-345-3830.

1. What won-drous love is this, O my soul! O my soul! What
 2. To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing, to
 3. And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and

won-drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is
 God and to the Lamb, I will sing; to God and to the
 when from death I'm free, I'll sing on! And when from death I'm

this! that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the heav-y cross for my
 Lamb who is the great I Am, while mil-lions join the theme, I will
 free, I'll sing and joy-ful be, and through e-ter-ni-ty I'll sing

soul, for my soul, to bear the heav-y cross for my soul!
 sing, I will sing; while mil-lions join the theme, I will sing.
 on, I'll sing on, and through e-ter-ni-ty I'll sing on!

WORDS: Appalachian folk hymn, Stith Mead's *A General Selection of the Newest and Most Admired Hymns and Spiritual Songs Now in Use*, 1811, alt. WONDROUS LOVE 12 9.12 12 9

MUSIC: Appalachian folk hymn, Walker's *Southern Harmony*, c. 1835; harm. FCC, 1997

Both words and tune are from the vibrant southern Appalachian tradition, largely Baptist, that has been neglected by traditional churches until this generation.

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