

**First Church of Christ, Congregational  
United Church of Christ**

**“Healed and Still Healing”**

*Holy Thursday*



*Maundy Thursday*

**April 2, 2026**

CCLI #292978, and #20547245

CHURCH ORGANIZED ON AUGUST 18, 1778

Present building erected in North Conway Village 1884

**“No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are  
welcome here!”**

## Prelude

## Welcome and Introduction

Pastor Sue

## Threshold for Gathering

*(To be sung by all)*

**Vessels, holy and whole  
Broken, needing the One  
Open, body and soul  
Healer, come.**

*Leader:*

Pastor Randi

Tonight our worship invites us to consider a commission from Christ to his disciples: to heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, and cast out demons. These are the very things his disciples have seen him do and that we have sought to witness for our own lives in this Lenten season. What will *we* do with this commission? How will we address ongoing pain with hope and conviction even though we, ourselves, are "healed and yet still healing?"

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## **GATHER**

*People gather around Jesus as his reputation becomes known from town to town. As we gather virtually or physically, we too are yearning for presence, for peace, for help.*

**Reading 1: Commission**

Matthew 10: 1-8

Muriel Magg

**Reading 2: The First Commandment**

Matthew 22:34

Bob Moeller

**\*Hymn NCH #539**

The Servant Song

**Reading 3: The Plot to Kill Jesus**

Matthew 26: 1-5

Patrick Speckamp

**APPROACH**

*People opened their lives to Jesus. We are drawn to the Healer—opening our hearts with honesty about our lives and finding assurance that offers peace.*

**Prayer of Confession**

Pastor Randi

One: Let us pray:

**All : God of Suffering, You take no delight in the destruction of your creation, your people. Our own broken edges, sharp and raw, contribute to the pain sometimes. Especially during prolonged difficulty, we find ourselves struggling. We cannot manage it on our own, yet we try, forgetting to turn to you, forgetting to turn to each other, forgetting the power you offer, the commission you give, to turn our tears to balm, to use our broken edges to cleave new realities of justice and hope. It all feels overwhelming and so we look away. Help us, Healer. Show us our connection to your healing power. Forgive our disbelief. Move us to move one step at a time toward greater care for one another.**

One; In this silence, we sense and acknowledge our yearning for wholeness.

*Silence*

*(To be sung by all)*

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**Reading 4: Jesus is Anointed**

Karen Umberger

Matthew 26: 6-13

**The First Anointing: Extravagant Love**

Pastor Sue

**Music for the Anointing of Extravagant Love**

None Other Lamb

C. Courtney/C. Rosetti ed. C Marker

None other Lamb, none other Name,  
None other hope in heav'n or earth or sea,  
None other hiding place from guilt and shame,  
None beside Thee

My faith burns low, my hope burns low,  
Only my heart's desire cries out in me,  
By the deep thunder of its want and woe cries out to Thee.

Lord, Thou art life, tho' I be dead,  
Love's fire Thou art, however cold I be;  
Nor heav'n have I, nor place to lay my head,  
Nor home, but Thee. None other Lamb.

**Reading 5: Preparation for the Feast**

Kelly Forrest

Matthew 26: 14-19

**The Second Anointing: Called to Serve**

Pastor Randi

## Reading 6: The Supper

Matthew 26: 20-29

Anne Polak

**Hymn of the Meal** NCH #330 Let us Break Bread Together On Our Knees

## The Meal

## Reading 7: Predictions

Matthew 26: 30-35

Christine Russian

*Leader:* Disciples, I invite you to repeat after me:

Pastor Sue

*Leader:* I will never desert you

***People:* I will never desert you**

*Leader:* I will never deny you

***People:* People: I will never deny you**

*Leader:* I will never desert you

***People:* I will never desert you**

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## ASK

*People who were healed by Jesus were not afraid to ask. And so we come before the Holy One, making our petitions and desires known, trusting the work of the Spirit.*

### Reading 8: Jesus Prays in Gethsemane

Eryn Morency

Matthew 26: 36-41

### Music for the Waiting

Watch With Me Text: Jane Griner Music: C. Marker

Tarry here and watch with me;  
Blood and body proffered now to sanctify the pascal lamb;  
From warmth and comfort driven now to that most bitter cup;  
And as He pled, we slept.

Tarry here and watch with me;  
Bowed by sin, yet unredeemed in sorrow even unto death;  
Thy will, not mine be done this night, In agony, He prayed.  
And as He bled, we slept.

Tarry here and watch with me.  
Friends a stone's throw distance kept.  
Succor sought, by angels giv'n; a kiss, betrayal and a cross.  
The hour is at hand; and as it fled, we slept.

### Prayers in the Night

Pastor Randi

### Reading 9: Jesus Prays in Gethsemane

Chris DeVries

Matthew 26: 42-5

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**Reading 10: Jesus before the High Priest**

Matthew 26: 57-68

Jim Umberger

**Reading 11: Peter's Denial of Jesus**

Matthew 26: 69-75

Pastor Randi

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**Blessing**

Depart in silence as the spirit moves.

(Worship Resources – Worship Design Studio Dr. Marcia McFee)

**Welcome to First Church of Christ! If you are visiting with us today, please note that there are two fire exits at the rear of the sanctuary and one at the back of the church through the kitchen. There are two unisex bathrooms; one downstairs off the front entrance and one off the kitchen at the rear of the building.**

**Week of Activities:**

**Friday:** Good Friday - Sanctuary Open  
for Prayer & Reflection 9am-3:00pm

**Sunday:** Easter Celebration  
Easter Sunrise Service 6:30am with Continental Breakfast to follow;  
Easter Worship Service with Communion 10:00am

## *Church Address and Information*

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