

Participants

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Calendar

Thursday, April 18	5:30pm	Maundy Thursday Meal At Mason Congregational Church
	7:00pm	Maundy Thursday Service At Mason Congregational Church
Friday, April 19	Noon-9pm	Good Friday Vigil
Sunday, April 21	5:45am	Sunrise Service, Andres Institute of Art
	10:00am	Easter Service



Last week's attendance (4/7/19): 42 Adults, 16 Children

BCC YTD Financial Summary	Actual Income	Actual Expenses	Income vs Expenses + /-
March	\$22,339	\$25,286	(\$2,947)



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Worship Service

Brookline Community Church

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April 14, 2019

10:00 am

The Joyful Welcome

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP (Luke 19:35-40):

Leader: They brought the colt of a donkey to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it.

All: As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road.

Leader: As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying,

All: "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!"

Leader: Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." He answered them:

All: "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

***HYMN #203 "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"**

The Time of Fellowship

OVERVIEW OF HOLY WEEK

ANNOUNCEMENTS

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Pastor: Let us unite with the church in all times and places in confessing our faith in the triune God. Do you believe in God?

People: I believe in God.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

People: I believe in Jesus Christ.

Pastor: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

People: I believe in the Holy Spirit.

NICENE CREED #15

RIGHT HAND OF FELLOWSHIP: Extend a greeting to those nearby. Today would be the perfect day to use that most ancient of Christian welcomes "*Peace be with you*" to which one responds, "*and also with you.*"

***HYMN: #568 "Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated"**

MINISTRY OF SHARING: (offering of tithes and gifts)

***DOXOLOGY: # 809 "Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen."**

*** PRAYER OF DEDICATION OF THE OFFERING**

The Beginning of the Journey to the Cross
SCRIPTURE READING of Luke 22:14-23:56 with prayers & reflections

Luke 22:14, 22:21-30, pp. 857-858

Reflection

Luke 22:31-38, p. 858

***HYMN #216 "Beneath the Cross of Jesus", verse 1**

Luke 22:39-46, p. 858

Prayer of the Drowsy Disciple

(responsive, for awareness of the needs of this world)

Pastor: Let us not be asleep, O Lord, when you call us

All: Keep us awake to your presence in this world.

Pastor: Let us remain aware of all the people you would serve in this world, the frightened, the lost, the addicted, the angry, the outcasts

All: Keep us awake to your presence in this world.

Pastor: Let us keep our eyes and hearts open to what we can do in this world, not because we are perfect or sinless, but because it takes all of us, working all the time, to show your love where and when it is needed.

All: Keep us awake to your presence in this world.

Luke 22:47-53, p. 858

***HYMN #216 “*Beneath the Cross of Jesus*”, verse 2**

Luke 23:54-62, p. 858

Reflection

Luke 22:63-23:12, pp. 858-859

***HYMN #216 “*Beneath the Cross of Jesus*”, verse 3**

Luke 23:13-16, p. 859

Prayer of Pilate

A confession (unison)

Holy God, forgive us the auto-Pilate in our lives – our complicity in the violence’s of the world, hand-washing at the sorrows of our friends, stifling of our truest questions, and the ease with which we are willing to go along with so much, as long as we are not inconvenienced or involved. Amen.

Luke 23:16-25, p. 859

Prayer of Barabbas

An assurance of grace (unison)

Holy God, we give you thanks for the way we, like Barabbas, stumble out of jail – aware of our guilt, but released, helpless to change our own lives, but forgiven into a new day. Amen.

Luke 23:26-31, p. 859

Prayer of Simon of Cyrene

(unison) For the hope of the world

God, there are famous cross-carriers pulled out of the crowd – Dietrich Bonhoeffer and Anne Frank, Martin Luther King, Jr. and Mother Teresa – for them we give thanks. There are cross-carriers written on no history page whose children we know, whose elderly parents we’ve met -- and for them we give thanks. Move us to the curb of the Via Dolorosa for our times so we can bear the timber’s weight, carry for Christ his caring for the world. Amen.

Luke 23:32-43, pp. 859-860

Prayer of the Bandits

Personal intercessions

Pastor: O Gentle Savior, not because our sufferings and pains are worthy to be named with yours, but because you understand absolutely all the loss and pain and loneliness and desolation of human life and place yourself beside it, we bring you our prayers – for friend and family, neighbor and church member. For those who are ill this day we pray your blessing ...

All: (softly name names, feeling free to let the names overlap one another)

Pastor: For those who suffer emotionally, in relationships, employment, lack of employment, immigration concerns, we pray your blessing ...

All: (softly name names)

Pastor: For those who feel forsaken, we pray your blessing ...

All: (softly name names)

Pastor: For those who are dying, we pray your blessing...

All: (softly name names)

Pastor: For ourselves, we pray your blessing and praise you for your unconditional love. Amen.

Luke 23:44-49, p. 860

Reflection

Luke 23:50-56, p. 860

Prayer of the Women

(unison) An expression of thanksgiving

Christ Jesus, Son of God and Son of Man, we thank you that you let us stay to the end, experiencing the reality of your death and the mystery of your hope. We thank you that you let us stay to the end of the lives of people who are near to us with your courage and peace. We thank you that, though we are each somewhere on our own journey to death, there is not an inch we need to walk alone. Hear us as we whisper with the weeping women, “We will return at dawn on the first day of the week.” Amen

***HYMN: #689 “The Church’s One Foundation”**

BENEDICTION

*** CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: # 839 “God Be With You Till We Meet Again; by his counsels guide, uphold you, with his sheep securely fold you; God be with you till we meet again.**

Here ends our worship, now let our service begin.