



Thomas A. Edison
Congregational Church

April 2, 2026



Order of Worship

Maundy Thursday

** You are invited to stand
(Please remember to silence your cell phone during the service.)

When the prelude begins, let us quiet our hearts and conversation.

Church Bell Calls Us to Worship

Prelude

What Wondrous Love Is This, Walker's Southern Harmony

Arr. by John Carter

Call to Worship (Responsively)

One: We retreat to this quiet place, this holy place

All: to contemplate the future, to question the present.

One: We sit in this sacred space to hear God's Still Speaking Voice,

All: to eat of a collective bread and to drink from a personal cup.

One: Tonight, is Holy.

All: May we find the Holy in the songs, the scripture, in the Sacred meal, and in the healing of ourselves that is also present at this table and in this worship.

One: God, allow us to look long and listen intently to these symbols tonight.

All: God draw us deeper -- into the depths of the significance of this Holy Night.

Amen.

Opening Hymn of Faith

Christus Paradox

You, Lord, are both Lamb and Shepherd.

You, Lord, are both prince and slave.

You, peacemaker and swordbringer

Of the way you took and gave.

You the everlasting instant;

You, whom we both scorn and crave.

Clothed in light upon the mountain,

Stripped of might upon the cross,

Shining in eternal glory,

Beggar'd by a soldier's toss,

You, the everlasting instant;

You, who are both gift and cost.

You, who walk each day beside us,

Sit in power at God's side.

You, who preach a way that's narrow,

Have a love that reaches wide.

You, the everlasting instant;

You, who are our pilgrim guide.

Words: Sylvia Dunstan (1955-1993)

Music: Picardy

The Story of God (Responsively)

I Cor. 11:23-26

One: ²³ I received a tradition from the Lord, which I also handed on to you: on the night on which He was betrayed, the Lord Jesus took bread. ²⁴ After giving thanks, He broke it and said,

All: "This is My body, which is for you; do this to remember Me."

One: ²⁵ He did the same thing with the cup, after they had eaten, saying,

All: “This cup is the new covenant, ... Every time you drink it, do this to remember Me.”

One: ²⁶ Every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you broadcast the death of the Lord until He comes.

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Response to the Sharing of God’s Story

The Story of God for the People of God!
Thanks Be to God!

Pastoral Words

Hymn of Praise #276

The Love of God

Prayer at the Table

One: Ever gracious God, we gather this evening hour as friends gathered with Jesus in an upper room long ago.

All: We come bearing the marks of a bitter and broken world.

One: We come from anonymous places, with dry and thirsty spirits.

All: Remind us in the breaking of the bread of our need and of Your sufficiency.

One: Refresh us and make us whole with the cup of forgiveness.

All: Draw us nearer to each other in mutual service and closer to You in the covenant of faithfulness and thanksgiving.

One: As the night advances, deepen in us a sense of Your steadfast love for us in Jesus Christ, our Redeemer.

All: Amen.

One: Tonight, we gather around the Lord’s table.

All: It’s a table so large that there’s room for all to come and share in this most holy of meals.

One: Tonight let us break the bread of blessings and share in the cup of joy and transformation.

All: Lord, we gather tonight to remember and celebrate. Amen.

-adapted from a prayer by Allen P. Happe, Touch Holiness, ed. by Ruth C. Duck and Maren C. Tirabassi (Cleveland: United Church Press, 1990), 65; and adapted from a prayer found @ homiletics online

Lord's Prayer (unison)

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 and the power and the glory forever. Amen

Communion Hymn

In Remembrance

Text: Ragan Courtney

Music: Buryl Red: arranged by Robert F. Douglas

**In re-mem-brance of Me eat this bread.
In re-mem-brance of Me drink this wine.
In re-mem-brance of Me pray for the time
when God's own will is done.**

**In re-mem-brance of me heal the sick.
In re-mem-brance of me feed the poor.
In re-mem-brance of me o-pen the door
and let your broth-er in, Let him in.**

**Take, eat, and be com—fort-ed;
drink and re-mem-ber too.
That this is my bod-y and pre-cious blood
shed for you, shed for you.**

**In re-mem-brance of me search for truth.
In re-mem-brance of me al-ways love.
In re-mem-brance of me don't look a-bove,
but in your heart, look for God.
Do this in re-mem-brance of Me.**

Invitation to the Table

Communion

**Prelude in C Major
By David N. Johnson**

Blessings and Sharing of the Gifts

One: As we are not having a “collection” time during our service, our congregants are invited to drop off their offerings in the plate on the way out of the sanctuary, mail them to the church, or give online.

Holy One-Your gifts build a world of love, filled with memories of Your presence in our lives. May we use our gifts to continue to create a world of care, living into Your mandate to love one another as You love us.

May we walk into the dusk knowing the journey of Jesus.

May we remember His steps to the cross.

May we embrace His profound love.

And may we share this grace each and every day, leading our world to resurrection.

Amen.

~Slightly adapted from a prayer written by (c) Rev. Michelle L. Torigian 2021. Liturgy may be used with attribution.

**After a moment of reflection,
Please leave in silence.**



MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE 6:30 PM
Communion

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE 6:30 PM
Hayden Gallo, Piano

EASTER SUNDAY SERVICE 10:00 AM
Katy Sumrow, Alto
Rachel Cox, Violin

**No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey,
you're welcome here at Edison Congregational Church.
Welcome home!**

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