It was not long ago that we gathered,
remembering a palm parade and a triumphant entry.
It was then that we cried out,
“Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest heaven.”

Before long, we will gather
to remember another sort of parade, this one tragic.
We will be the ones to set it in motion when we cry out,
“Crucify him! Crucify him!”

But tonight, we gather
remembering Jesus’ final evening with beloved friends.
We remember bread broken, feet washed, and love poured out.
We remember his last instruction to us:
“Love one another.”

*Hymn, No. 202

An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare
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A Responsive Reading of Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd.
I am the good shepherd.
I know my sheep
and my sheep know me.

I shall not want.
Do not worry about your life,
about what you will eat or what you will drink.

He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters;
he restores my soul.
Then he poured water into a basin
and began to wash the disciples’ feet.

He leads me in right paths for his name’s sake.
I am the way,
and the truth,
and the life.

Yea, though I walk
through the valley of the shadow of death,
And Pilate handed him over to be crucified.

I will fear no evil,
for you are with me.

Your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
I abide in the Father,
and the Father abides in me.

You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
He took bread, and after giving thanks, he broke it.
In the same way, after supper, he took the cup.

You anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.
While he was at Bethany, in the house of Simon the leper,
a woman came with a jar of oil,
and she broke open the jar and poured it on his head.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.
Do not let your hearts be troubled,
and do not let them be afraid.

And I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.
I have come that you may have life, and have it abundantly.

*Hymn, No. 274

You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd
PICARDY

Scripture Reading
from John 13:1-35 and 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Meditation
No Shortcuts
Rev. Jenny McDevitt

*Hymn, No. 215

What Wondrous Love is This
WONDROUS LOVE

The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper
Invitation to the Table
Prayer of Thanksgiving
Responsive Words of Institution

On the night that Jesus was betrayed, he took bread. What did he do with it?
    He gave thanks to God for it, blessing it and breaking it, sharing it with his friends.
And what did he say?
    He said, “Take and eat. This is my body, given for you.
    Do this in remembrance of me.”
In the same way, he took the cup. What did he do with it?
    He poured it out, in order to share with his friends.
And what did he say?
    He said, “This cup is the cup of the new covenant.
    It is sealed in my blood and shed for the forgiveness of sins.
    Every time you drink of it, remember me.”

Prayer after Communion

*Hymn, No. 207 (st.1-4)

Concluding Prayer

Holy Lord, forgive us.
We are like Peter, who didn’t always understand you,
and we are like Judas, who betrayed you.
You offer us the bread of life and the cup of salvation.
You ask us to love like you love.
But we are not nearly enough like you.

Holy Lord, forgive us.
Far too often, we know not what we are doing.
Even still, you have stayed with us every step of our journey.
Give us strength, at least, to stay with you on yours. (Silent prayer)

The Stripping of the Sanctuary

Anthem

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross
by Gilbert Martin; Village Choir

Benediction

Good Friday Worship
7 p.m. April 14

Easter Services
Sunday, April 16
8, 9:30, 11:15 a.m. and 5 p.m.

We invite you to join us each Sunday.
Regular worship times are 8, 9:30 and 11 a.m. in the Sanctuary
and The Gathering at 5 p.m. in Friendship Hall.