



Spy Wednesday

SEVEN OAKS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

April 8, 2020

Welcome! We pray that you will truly experience
God's love and grace as you worship!



GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Traditionally this Wednesday is the day on which Judas Iscariot met with the Jewish priests and made plans for the betrayal, hence the name "spy."

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

GATHERING HYMN

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

Hymn 435

**There's a wideness in God's mercy, like the wideness of the sea.
There's a kindness in God's justice, which is more than liberty.
There is no place where earth's sorrows are more felt than up in heaven.
There is no place where earth's failings have such kindly judgment given.**

**For the love of God is broader than the measures of the mind.
And the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.
If our love were but more faithful, we would gladly trust God's Word,
and our lives reflect thanksgiving for the goodness of our Lord.**

GOSPEL READING

Mark 14:1-21

It was two days before the Passover and the festival of Unleavened Bread. The chief priests and the scribes were looking for a way to arrest Jesus^[a] by stealth and kill him; ² for they said, "Not during the festival, or there may be a riot among the people."

³ While he was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he sat at the table, a woman came with an alabaster jar of very costly ointment of nard, and she broke open the jar and poured the ointment on his head. ⁴ But some were there who said to one another in anger, "Why was the ointment wasted in this way? ⁵ For this ointment could have been sold for more than three hundred denarii, and the money given to the poor." And they scolded her. ⁶ But Jesus said, "Let her alone; why do you trouble her? She has performed a good service for me. ⁷ For you always have the poor with you, and you can show kindness to them whenever you wish; but you will not always have me. ⁸ She has done what she could; she has anointed my body beforehand for its burial. ⁹ Truly I tell you, wherever the good news is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in remembrance of her."

¹⁰ Then Judas Iscariot, who was one of the twelve, went to the chief priests in order to betray him to them. ¹¹ When they heard it, they were greatly pleased, and promised to give him money. So he began to look for an opportunity to betray him.

¹² On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb is sacrificed, his disciples said to him, "Where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?" ¹³ So he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, "Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you; follow him, ¹⁴ and wherever he enters, say to the owner of the house, 'The Teacher asks, Where is my guest room where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?' ¹⁵ He will show you a large room upstairs, furnished and ready. Make preparations for us there." ¹⁶ So the disciples set out and went to the city, and found everything as he had told them; and they prepared the Passover meal.

¹⁷ When it was evening, he came with the twelve. ¹⁸ And when they had taken their places and were eating, Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me, one who is eating with me." ¹⁹ They began to be distressed and to say to him one after another, "Surely, not I?" ²⁰ He said to them, "It is one of the twelve, one who is dipping bread into the bowl with me. ²¹ For the Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that one by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that one not to have been born."

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

MEDITATION

Surely, Not I

Rev. Jana Creighton

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (author Thom Shuman)

We are always uncomfortable, Watching God, when you notice how we want to sit in the seats of honor. We can be so proper, so good, so well-off, that it is easy to imagine we are superior to the poor. We are so busy completing our 'To Do' list each day, that we forget to do good when we have a chance. Forgive us, welcoming God. Fill our emptiness with your grace and humility that we would spend our lives alongside Jesus, our Lord and Savior, throwing a party for the poor, the damaged, the prisoner, the lost, the oppressed. During this time of preparation, lead us to be preparing others to hear the Good News of your resurrection. In Christ's name, Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

This is the good news: after what God has done for us, what can anyone or any thing do to us?

We are new people, graced by our loving God. Forgiven, embraced, welcomed by our God, we will offer open hearts and serving hands to everyone we meet. Thanks be to God. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

Just as I Am, without One Plea (verses 1 and 4)

Hymn 442

**¹Just as I am, without one plea but that thy blood was shed for me,
And that thou biddest me come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come; I come.**

**⁴Just as I am, thy love unknown has broken every barrier down;
Now to be thine, yea, thine a lone, O Lamb of God, I come; I come.**

(Our worship will end abruptly as the meeting will be suspended until we rejoin tomorrow night for our Maundy Thursday Service.)

JOIN US FOR THESE HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Join us again at 7:00 p.m. on Maundy Thursday for Communion Supper and again on Good Friday as we walk through Holy Week together, united in Christian fellowship. Sunday at 11:00 a.m. will be the Resurrection of our Lord Service, where we will shout a joyful Hallelujah!

Zoom Link for Evening Services (7:00 p.m.)

<https://zoom.us/j/655872430?pwd=N2VkbFQxS1cwT0hCT0pBU1RQcktNUT09>

Meeting ID: 655 872 430

Password: 032614

By Phone: 1-646-558-8656 655872430 #

Zoom Link for Easter Service (11:00 a.m.)

<https://zoom.us/j/743754044?pwd=bWIHWWJWOFR4UG1zQkZuRVRIaE41dz09>

Meeting ID: 743 754 044

Password: 072863

By Phone: 1-646-558-8656 743754044 #

Zoom Link for Sunday School (9:30 a.m.)

<https://zoom.us/j/508111743?pwd=WUplnhCV2ICTTBKRTczY3I0YU8yZz09>

Meeting ID: 508 111 743

Password: 046739

By Phone: 1646-558-8656 508111743 #

Zoom Link for Lanterns

Fridays at 7:30 a.m.

<https://zoom.us/j/549066835?pwd=RmsrMVAXdnJibGlaeGRRNVZhQ0xVdz09>

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Password: 168424

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