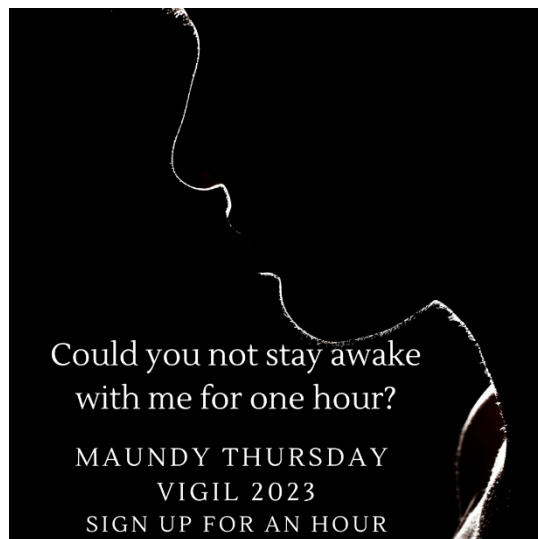


**Maundy Thursday Vigil 2023:
at First Congregational Church UCC/BTV on April 6 & 7**

“Then Jesus returned to his disciples and found them sleeping.
“Couldn’t you men keep watch with me for one hour?” he asked
Peter.” -Matthew 26:40

During HOLY WEEK we are invited to take turns, staying awake for
an hour with Jesus during the Maundy Thursday Vigil - in person at
First Church - from 8pm Thursday April 6 (following the 6pm
Maundy Thursday Dinner & 7pm Tenebrae Worship until 7pm on
Good Friday, April 7.



HOW TO SIGN UP: If you want to participate - please use our [online form](#) to sign up for one hour. All participants will be emailed a confirmation, the information below and the suggested readings. Need assistance – contact the Church Office – details below.

Vigil Guidelines The church building will be locked, with the exception of the Church Office hours on Friday from 10am to 3pm. When the building is locked - each participant will let the next participant in - and closing the locked door behind them as they leave.

Vigil Ritual Please find a comfortable spot in the Sanctuary - there will be a candle lit to help illuminate your meditations.

- Turn off your phone, and computer, so you have no distractions
- Feel free to move around as needed - the point is to be awake with Jesus during this time.

Your Vigil hour is an opportunity for silent meditation and prayer.

One way to focus your meditation and prayer is to read: Isaiah 52:13-53:12, Exodus 12:1-14, Psalm 116, 22, 31, First Corinthians 11:23-26, John 13:1-17, 31b-35, John 18:1-19:42, Job 14:1-14, Matthew 27:57-66. *Print copies of these readings will be available at church.*

You may wish to read these passages, pray, and meditate on the images, feelings, and thoughts that arise for you. You may prefer to read the scripture before your Vigil hour so that the entire hour can be spent contemplatively.

Just bring an open mind and full heart to be in the stillness and to stay awake with Christ for that hour.

Thank you.

Questions? Contact the Church Office: office@firstchurchburlington.org - 802 862 5010 ext 4

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