

# First United Methodist Church

Welcome to the Maundy Thursday Service of Tenebrae

April 14, 2022 - 7:00 p.m.

*A Service of Tenebrae, or Darkness, is based on a 12<sup>th</sup> century night service and is an extended meditation on the passion of Christ, allowing the Scriptures themselves to be the central message of the evening. It begins with the Sacrament of Holy Communion, picking up the story of Christ's passion from the Last Supper. As each lesson is read, a candle is extinguished. The final act of Tenebrae is the stripping of the altar and silence, to symbolize the stark reality of Christ's sacrifice for love of humankind.*

**\* You are invited to stand if you are able**

**Prelude:**

*"The Old Rugged Cross / Near the Cross"*

*arr. Richard Kingsmore*

**\*Call to Worship**

L: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**P: And also with you.**

L: Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

**P: Christ has prepared a feast of love. Thanks be to God.**

**\*Gathering Hymn UMH #432: "Jesu, Jesu" (vs 1, 4, 5)**

Chorus: Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love  
show us how to serve the  
neighbors we have from you.

4) Loving puts us on our knees,  
Serving as though we are slaves,  
This is the way we should live  
with you. *[Chorus]*

1) Kneels at the feet of his friends,  
Silently washes their feet,  
Master who acts as a slave to them.  
*[Chorus]*

5) Kneel at the feet of our friends,  
Silently washing their feet,  
This is the way we should live  
with you. *[Chorus]*

**Confession and Pardon:**

L: My sisters and brothers, Christ shows us his love by becoming a humble servant. Let us draw near to God and confess our sin in the truth of God's Spirit.

**P: Most Merciful God, we your Church confess that often our spirit has not been that of Christ. Where we have failed to love one another as he loves us; where we have pledged loyalty to him with our lips and them betrayed, deserted, or denied him, forgive us, we pray; and by your Spirit make us faithful in every time of trial; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Time of Silent Meditation*

L: Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ. But Christ suffered and died for us, was raised from the dead for us, and continues to intercede for us. Believe the Good News: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

**ALL: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory be to God! Amen.**

## Living Our Gratitude

♪ Please continue to support your church family as we recover from this season of pandemic. Enjoy the musical selection as a time to give thanks to God for all with which you have been blessed.

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**Offertory:** “Into the Woods My Master Went”

by Peter C. Lutkin; arr. Sharon Wilson

**\*The Doxology**

**Praise God throughout these forty days;  
Praise Christ, our Lord, whom God did raise;  
And praise the Spirit who imparts  
God’s grace and love to human hearts. Amen.**

**Tune: UMH #95  
(old 100<sup>th</sup>)**

**\*The Unison Prayer of Thanksgiving:** (from “Prayers for an Inclusive Church”, <https://re-worship.blogspot.com>.)

**Loving God, as you came in flesh among us, as you taught us truth and wholeness, as you suffered with us all that humanity feels and faces, so we seek to follow your example. Infuse our hearts with compassion, our spirits with courage, our minds with determination, that we may use these offerings to walk with you and others through dark and difficult days, by your unending grace. Amen.**

**Reading #1:** Maundatum Novum (*The New Commandment*) – John 13:1-17, 34-35 *Pastor Amy Terhune*

**Reading #2:** Betrayal and Denial Foretold – Luke 22:21-23, 31-34 *Ed Cunningham*

**Reading #3:** The Last Supper – Luke 22:14-20 *Peg Wilken*

**Hymn TFWS #2254:** “In Remembrance of Me”

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| 1) In remembrance of me, eat this bread;<br>In remembrance of me, drink this wine;<br>In remembrance of me, pray for the time<br>When God's own will is done.    | Bridge: Take, eat, and be comforted;<br>Drink and remember, too, that<br>This is my body and precious blood<br>Shed for you, shed for you.  |
| 2) In remembrance of me, heal the sick;<br>In remembrance of me, feed the poor;<br>In remembrance of me, open the door<br>And let your neighbor in, let them in. | 3) In remembrance of me, search for truth;<br>In remembrance of me, always love;<br>In remembrance of me, don't look above,<br>But in your heart look for God.<br>Do this in remembrance of me. |

**The Invitation to Communion** – follow as attached from the UMH, Musical Setting D, pg.23-24

L: The Lord be with you

**P: And also with you.**

L: Lift up your hearts

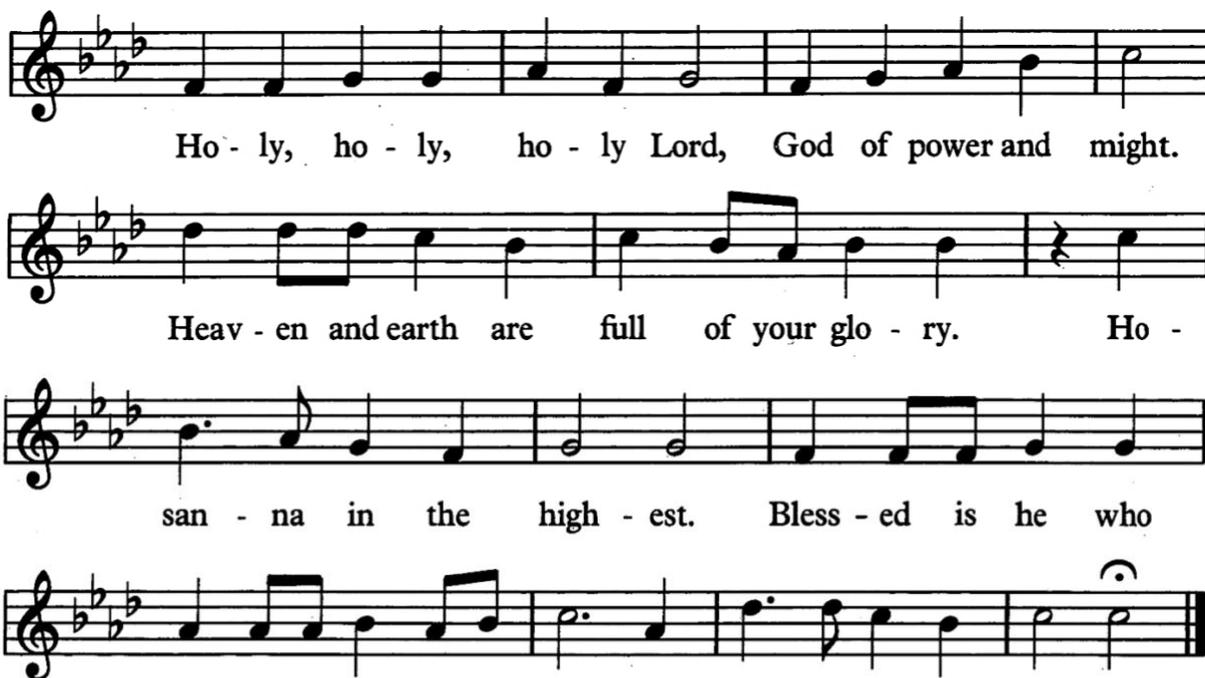
**P: We lift them up to the Lord**

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

**P: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

L: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere, to give thanks to you, Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth. You formed us in your image, delivered us from captivity, and made covenant to be our sovereign God. You fed us manna in the wilderness and gave grapes to evidence the promised land. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

P:



The musical notation consists of four staves of music in a treble clef, with a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat) and a common time signature. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might. Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est."

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L: Holy are you, and blessed is your son, Jesus Christ. When we had turned aside from your way and abused your gifts, you gave us in Christ your crowning gift. Emptying himself, that our joy might be full, he fed the hungry, healed the sick, ate with the scorned and forgotten, washed his disciples' feet, and gave a holy meal as a pledge of his abiding presence.

We have heard how, on this night, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take; eat; this is my body given for you."

And then he took a cup and after giving thanks, he gave it to them saying: "Drink from it, all of you, for this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for the forgiveness of sins. As often as you do this, remember me."

And so, in remembrance of these, your mighty acts in Christ Jesus, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving, as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

P: 

Christ has died, Christ is ris - en, Christ will come a - gain!

L: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and cup. Make them hold for us the body and blood of Christ; that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood. By your Spirit, make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world; through your son Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray together...

**P: 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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever.**

P: 

A - men, a - men, a - men.

**\*The Sacrament of Holy Communion**

*All are welcome to the table of Christ, including children. You do not need to be a member of this congregation to enjoy the grace of the Sacrament. You may come forward via the center aisle and (for continued safety following the pandemic) pick up a plastic cup containing a fragment of bread and a small cup of grape juice from the tables on either side at the front. Gluten-free wafers are available in marked containers. Return to your seats via the side aisles. If you are unable to come forward, we are pleased to bring communion to you after the congregation has finished coming forward.*

**Special Music for Communion:** “Whiter Than Snow” *by William G. Fischer; arr. Richard Kingsmore*

**Reading #4:** Praying at Gethsemane – Luke 22:39-46 *Anne Marks-Gaertner*

**Reading #5:** Jesus is Arrested – John 18:1-11 *Bill Cowdry*

**Reading #6:** Peter’s Denial – Luke 22:54-62 *Evie Kraynak*

**Hymn UMH #292:** “What Wondrous Love Is This” (vs. 1-2)

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| <p>1) What wondrous love is this,<br/>         O my soul, O my soul,<br/>         What wondrous love is this, O my soul!<br/>         What wondrous love is this<br/>         that caused the Lord of bliss<br/>         To bear the dreadful curse<br/>         for my soul, for my soul,<br/>         To bear the dreadful curse for my soul.</p> | <p>2) What wondrous love is this,<br/>         O my soul, O my soul,<br/>         What wondrous love is this, O my soul!<br/>         What wondrous love is this<br/>         that caused the Lord of life<br/>         To lay aside his crown<br/>         for my soul, for my soul,<br/>         To lay aside his crown for my soul.</p> |
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**Reading #7:** Jesus Trial – John 18:19-21, 28-32

*Carla Wistehuff*

**Reading #8:** Jesus Before Pilate – John 18:33-38a

*David Marks*

**Reading #9:** Jesus Before Herod – Luke 23:4-12

*Peg Wilken*

**Hymn UMH #286:** “*O Sacred Head Now Wounded*”

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| <p>1) O sacred Head, now wounded,<br/>With grief and shame weighed down,<br/>Now scornfully surrounded<br/>With thorns, thine only crown:<br/>How pale thou art with anguish,<br/>With sore abuse and scorn!<br/>How does that visage languish<br/>Which once was bright as morn!</p> <p>2) What thou, my Lord, hast suffered<br/>Was all for sinners' gain;<br/>Mine, mine was the transgression,<br/>But thine the deadly pain.</p> | <p>Lo, here I fall, my Savior!<br/>'Tis I deserve thy place;<br/>Look on me with thy favor,<br/>Vouchsafe to me thy grace.</p> <p>3) What language shall I borrow<br/>To thank thee, dearest friend,<br/>For this thy dying sorrow,<br/>Thy pity without end?<br/>O make me thine forever;<br/>And should I fainting be,<br/>Lord, let me never, never<br/>Outlive my love to thee.</p> |
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**Reading #10:** Jesus Mocked – John 18:38b-19:3, 13-16

*Evie Kraynak*

**Reading #11:** Jesus Crucified – Luke 23:32-43

*Ed Cunningham*

**Reading #12:** Jesus on the Cross – John 19:19-22, 25b-30

*Carla Wistehuff*

**Choral Anthem:** “*Cross of Jesus, Cross of Sorrow*”

*arr. Howard Helvey*

**Reading #13:** The Death of Jesus – Luke 23:44-49

*Anne Marks-Gaertner*

**Reading #14:** The Burial of Jesus – John 19:38-42

*David Marks*

**Hymn UMH #297:** “*Beneath the Cross of Jesus*”

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| <p>1) Beneath the cross of Jesus<br/>I fain would take my stand,<br/>The shadow of a mighty rock<br/>Within a weary land;<br/>A home within the wilderness,<br/>A rest upon the way, from the<br/>Burning of the noontide heat<br/>And the burden of the day.</p> <p>2) Upon that cross of Jesus<br/>Mine eye at times can see<br/>The very dying form of One<br/>Who suffered there for me;</p> | <p>And from my stricken heart with tears<br/>Two wonders I confess:<br/>The wonders of redeeming love<br/>And my unworthiness.</p> <p>3) I take, O cross, thy shadow<br/>For my abiding place;<br/>I ask no other sunshine than<br/>The sunshine of his face;<br/>Content to let the world go by,<br/>To know no gain nor loss,<br/>My sinful self my only shame,<br/>My glory all the cross.</p> |
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## The Stripping of the Altar

*The final act of Tenebrae is the stripping of the altar and silence,  
to symbolize the stark reality of Christ's sacrifice for love of humankind.*

### \*Depart in Silence



**Good Friday Worship – Friday, April 15**  
12:00-12:30pm and 12:30-1:00pm  
*Come for one service or stay for both!*  
*Sack lunches provided.*



**Easter Celebration Worship**  
Sunday, April 17 – 10:00am  
*Come early for an extended prelude*  
*Come early or stay late for Coffee Hour*

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