

Mark 15:15  
Fourth Candle Extinguished

Silent Reflection

*The Shadow of Humiliation*

READING Mark 15:16-20  
Fifth Candle Extinguished

HYMN #284  
“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded” *Passion Chorale*  
*The Shadow of Crucifixion*

READING Mark 15:21-32  
Sixth Candle Extinguished

SUNG RESPONSE: “My Soul Is at Rest” (3x) *Taizé Community*  
My soul is at rest in God alone;  
my salvation comes from God.

READING Mark 15:33-37  
Christ Candle Extinguished

RESPONSE (SOLOIST)  
“Were You There?” *African-American Spiritual*

MOMENTS OF SILENCE

*\*Please stand if you are able.*

After a period of silence, the worship leaders will withdraw.

When more light is available  
you are requested to depart in silence.

THANK YOU TO:

Communion servers:  
Tom Boelk, Alex Jack, Lindsey Ward, Roger Ebertz

Musician:  
Kristen Eby

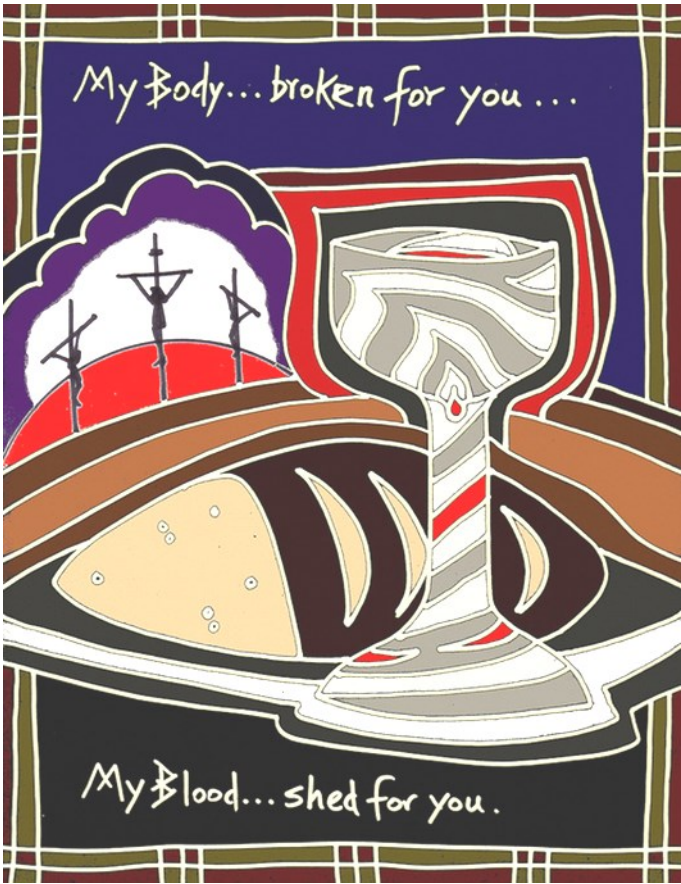
A GOOD FRIDAY ECUMENICAL WORSHIP SERVICE will be held at St. Luke’s United Methodist Church tomorrow, March 29, noon to 3:00pm. This service will focus on “The Seven Last Words of Christ.” You may come for all or a part of the service. A variety of preachers, liturgists, and musicians will lead different portions. Come ponder, sit quietly, reflect, and give thanks.

EASTER GOOD NEWS!

An Easter Resurrection Service will be held here at First Presbyterian Church at 10:15am.

Remember, there will be no Sunday School at 9:00am.

# Service for Maundy Thursday



March 28, 2024  
7:00PM



# MAUNDY THURSDAY

Maundy Thursday is the remembrance of Jesus’ last night with his disciples. It was on this Thursday night that Jesus gathered with his disciples, washed their feet, and celebrated with them the Passover meal of unleavened bread. During this meal he broke the bread and shared the cup, foreshadowing his suffering and death, and instituting what has become the Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper. Our English name for this particular day derives from the beginning words of the Old Latin mass that was historically celebrated on this day; “mandatum novum” (from John 13:34) which means, “a new command.” It was on this night Jesus said to his disciples, “a new command I give you that you love one another.”

PRELUDE (The prelude is your invitation to quietly prepare to worship God)  
“Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley” arr. Walz

FOR PRAYER AND REFLECTION  
Almighty Father, whose dear Son, on the night before he suffered, instituted the Sacrament of his Body and Blood: Mercifully grant that we may receive it thankfully in remembrance of Jesus Christ our Lord, who in these holy mysteries gives us a pledge of eternal life; and who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

GREETING

OPENING PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP  
Our help is in the name of the Lord  
who made heaven and earth.  
Jesus said: I give you a new commandment,  
that you love one another.  
Just as he loved us, we also should love one another.  
On this day  
Christ gathered with his disciples in the upper room.  
On this day  
Christ took a towel and washed the disciples' feet,  
giving us an example  
that we should do to others as he has done to us.  
On this day  
Christ our God gave us the holy feast,  
that we who eat the bread and  
drink the cup may proclaim his holy sacrifice.

HYMN #255  
“Beneath the Cross of Jesus” (vs. 1-2) St. Christopher

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION  
Eternal God, whose covenant with us is never broken, we confess that we fail to fulfill your will. Though you have bound yourself to us, we will not bind ourselves to you. In Jesus Christ

you serve us freely, but we refuse your love and withhold ourselves from others. We do not love you fully or love one another as you command. In your mercy, forgive and cleanse us. Lead us once again to your table and unite us to Christ, who is the bread of life and the vine from which we grow in grace. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

KYRIE  
Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

GOSPEL LESSON John 13:1-17, 33-35

## THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

COMMUNION HYMN #257  
“What Wondrous Love is This” (vs. 1-2) Wondrous Love

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING  
The Lord be with you.  
And also with you.  
Lift up your hearts.  
We lift them up to the Lord.  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
It is right to give our thanks & praise.

. . . and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest...

THE LORD'S PRAYER  
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 OF THE PEOPLE  
Please hold the elements until all have been served.  
Gluten-free bread is available in the tray insert.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

## TENEBRAE

The Tenebrae is an ancient and solemn service, first celebrated in the 4th century. “Tenebrae” means “darkness” or “shadows.” In this service candles are extinguished and lights are dimmed symbolizing the flight and denial of Jesus’ disciples before the crucifixion. As the last candle is extinguished, leaving the sanctuary darkened, we are reminded of Jesus’ death and his hours in the tomb. When more light is available you are requested to depart in silence.

LITANY OF PREPARATION  
Surely, he has borne our grief  
and carried our sorrows;  
yet we esteemed him stricken,  
smitten by God, and afflicted.

The Shadow of a Grieved Spirit

HYMN #272 “Go to Dark Gethsemane” (vs 1 & 3) Redhead

READING Mark 14:32-42  
First Candle Extinguished

HYMN #262 “Ah, Holy Jesus” (vs 1-2) Herzliebster Jesu  
The Shadow of Betrayal

READING Mark 14:43-50  
Second Candle Extinguished

The Shadow of Denial

READING Mark 14:53-72  
Third Candle Extinguished

HYMN #261 “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” (vs. 1-3) Hamburg  
The Shadow of Accusation

READING Mark 15:1-11 (12-14)  
“What shall I do, then, with the one you call the king of the Jews?” Pilate asked them.  
“Crucify him!” they shouted.  
“What shall I do, then, with the one you call the king of the Jews?”  
“Crucify him!” (louder)  
“Why? What crime has he committed?” asked Pilate.  
But they shouted all the louder,  
“Crucify him!” (louder)  
“Why? What crime has he committed?”  
“Crucify him!” (louder)  
Wanting to satisfy the crowd, Pilate released Barabbas to them. He had Jesus whipped and handed him over to be crucified.

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