

First United Methodist Church

Thursday, March 28, 2024

## Maundy Thursday & Tenebrae



*Please be aware that our services are livestreamed, and any adults and/or children participating in musical groups, children's messages and liturgist roles will appear on camera.*

### Maundy Thursday – The Last Supper

Maundy Thursday commemorates the Last Supper when Jesus shared the Passover meal with his disciples on the night before he was crucified. Derived from the Latin word “mandatum,” meaning “commandment,” Maundy refers to the commands Jesus gave his disciples at the Last Supper: to love with humility by serving one another and to remember his sacrifice.

**Prelude**      *Ubi caritas (Where dwelleth charity and love, there God is found)*      Raymond Haan  
Velda Graham Bell, organ

**Words of Welcome**      Pastor Jeanine Alexander

**\* Call to Worship**

One: This is a day to remember.

**All: We remember the Passover meal Jesus shared with his disciples.**

One: We remember Jesus washing the feet of his friends.

**All: We remember, and in remembering we are called to serve one another.**

One: We remember and thank God for Jesus' presence with us then and now.

**\* Unison Prayer of Invocation**

Ever-loving God, we gather together this evening, just as friends gathered with Jesus in an upper room long ago. We come from different places, but we all come with dry and thirsty spirits. Remind us in the breaking of the bread of our need for you and of your sufficiency. Refresh us and make us whole with the cup of forgiveness. Draw us nearer to each other in mutual service and closer to you in the covenant of faithfulness and thanksgiving. As the night advances, deepen in us a sense of your steadfast love for us in Jesus Christ, our friend and redeemer. Amen.

**Meditation**      Pastor Jeanine Alexander

**\* Hymn**      *In the Singing*      The Faith We Sing #2255

**Receiving the Bread and the Cup**

*Offering plates are available as you come forward for communion.*

*Following communion, children grade 5 and under may leave for an activity or the Nursery.*

# *Tenebrae – Remembering the Passion*

The Tenebrae takes place in near darkness. It dates back to the fourth century and recalls the seven shadows falling on Christ in the last hours of his life on earth. As the passion story unfolds, the darkness increases as light by light is extinguished.

## **Litany of Light and Darkness**

One: God is light, in whom there is no darkness at all.

**All: Jesus Christ is the light of the world.**

One: And this is the judgment, that light has come into the world,

**All: and we have loved darkness rather than light.**

**Anthem**      *Lonesome Valley*

arr. David Angerman

Cast in Bronze; Bill Alexander, director

## **The Seven Shadows**

Leaders: Geoff Bell, Mark Harvey,  
Rev. MaryAnne Korsch, Pastor Jeanine Alexander

### **Shadow of Betrayal**

Scripture: Matthew 26:20-25

*The first candle is extinguished*

### **Shadow of Desertion**

Scripture: Matthew 26:31-35

*The second candle is extinguished*

### **Shadow of Inner Agony**

Scripture: Luke 22:39-44

*The third candle is extinguished*

**Anthem**      *Remember Me*

Deborah Govenor

Sanctuary Choir; Derek Bromme, director

### **Shadow of Denial**

Scripture: Luke 22:54-62

*The fourth candle is extinguished.*

### **Shadow of the Crowd**

Scripture: Matthew 27:15-24

*The fifth candle is extinguished.*

### **Shadow of Humiliation**

Scripture: Matthew 27:27-31

*The sixth candle is extinguished.*

\* **Hymn**      *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded*

UM Hymnal #286

### **Shadow of Death**

Scripture: Luke 23:33-38

*The seventh candle is extinguished.*

**Silence**

**Special Music**

*When Jesus Wept*

William Billings

Quartet: Derek Bromme, Tom Wiig, Brandon Veale, Riley Hinnenkamp

*When Jesus wept, the falling tear in mercy flowed beyond all found,  
When Jesus groaned, a trembling fear seized all the guilty world around.*

**Benediction**

One: We are witnesses to Jesus' death. The service is ended. Tomorrow, walk with Christ in his death. Return in three days to worship the Risen Lord.

Worshippers are asked to leave the Sanctuary in silence.

\* *Please stand as you are comfortable.*



**HOLY WEEK**

*Good Friday Service, Friday, March 29, at noon in the Three Brothers Chapel, will walk us through Jesus' death and the events of the last hours of his life.*

*Easter Sunrise Service, Sunday, March 31 at 7am, will be a short service in the Sanctuary featuring Tapestry.*

*Easter Morning Coffee Hour will take place between the two services, from 9-9:45 in Lakeview Social Hall.*

*Easter Worship, Sunday, March 31 at 10am, will be our traditional worship service with the Sanctuary Choir, Strikepoint, orchestra, and organ. There will be an Easter egg hunt for children.*

*Guest WIFI Network: FirstUnitedPublic. Password: Public2022.*

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