

First United Methodist Church

Maundy Thursday & Tenebrae

April 6, 2023



WORSHIP LITURGY

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WORDS OF GRACE, GREETING, & INSTRUCTION

Rev. Chris Black

PRELUDE

✠ CALL TO WORSHIP

L: This is a day of remembrance for us.

P: **We lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.**

L: Throughout the generations, we have received and handed on to others what the Lord has given to us:

P: **water for washing; the towel for service; the bread of his body; the cup of the new covenant; proclaiming the Lord's death until he comes again.**

✠ HYMN

"What Wondrous Love Is This"

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1ST READING

John 13: 1-17, 31b-35

✠ CONFESSION

Holy God, you have called us to serve others as Christ has served us. We confess that we have not followed Christ's example as fully or as often as we should. We turn away from people in need. True humility eludes us, and we hide our own vulnerability before others. You have commanded us to love one another as you have loved us. We confess that we do not love so generously. Gathered on this Holy Thursday, we confess that we are capable of denying and betraying you and one another, no less than the first disciples. Forgive us, merciful God, and cleanse us of all our sin; then guide our feet to walk with you always. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

The Peace of Christ be with you

And also with you.

ANTHEM

“Embrace the Cross”

Chancel Choir

2ND READING

Luke 22: 14:20

MEDITATION

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✠ HOLY COMMUNION

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 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. Amen.

STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

A SERVICE OF TENEBRAE

On this night, we remember Jesus’ last instructions to his disciples, even as he shares a final meal with his closest friends. We have shared the Lord’s Supper, and now will experience a service of darkness and shadow—Tenebrae. This tradition grew out of a combination of late night prayer and early morning prayer from the middle ages that began a 3 day vigil of prayer before sunrise at Easter. The Tenebrae moment is an extended meditation on the passion of Christ—his suffering and death. We invite you to hear and experience the story of Christ’s death through scripture, sound, and darkness.

SONG OF THE SUFFERING SERVANT From Isaiah 53

BENEDICTION

Please depart in silence.



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