

**The Covenant of Our
Congregation
Adopted in 1962**

We do hereby set forth the principles of the Christian faith as commonly held among us, believing that no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

It shall be our aim to bring joy to little children, instruction and high ideals to youth, inspiration to men and women in the midst of life, and comfort to those in life's later years; and to labor together for the betterment of humankind.

Our fellowship shall not be dependent upon identity of theological opinion, or of outward circumstance, or of denominational concern, but shall grow from a common loyalty to Jesus, a common commitment to serve the world we touch, and a common purpose to do justly, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with God.

Our ideal is a church of the open mind, the warm heart, the hopeful spirit, and the social vision which ever seeks to express, in all walks of life, the mind of Jesus.



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*The congregation may stand.

Maundy is derived from the Latin word for mandate or commandment. On the night before his death, Jesus said to his disciples: "I give you a new commandment, that you love another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another."

At the end of the service, the congregation is encouraged to leave in silent reflection.

PRELUDE Avery Tunningley

Be Thou But Near
Air from 'Suite in D' J.S. Bach

GREETING Stacey Midge

CALL TO WORSHIP

*HYMN (vs. 1-3) #97
Go to Dark Gethsemane

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

**On this night when we remember
how you shared, how you served,
how you loved, and how you died,
we confess the ways in which we
have not followed your example,
and have done harm to ourselves,
to others, and to your world.**

(silent prayers of confession)

**Holy God, as we eat broken bread
and drink the cup of your suffering,
as we hear the story of how far your love
for us went, transform us so that we
might risk new healing. Nourish us
by your table and word so that we
might be whole.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

ANTHEM

When You Woke that Thursday Morning
David Schack
Jean Hayes, flute

When You Woke that Thursday Morning,
Savior, Teacher, faithful Friend,
thoughts of self and safety scorning,
Knowing how the day would end;
Lamb of God, foretold for ages,
Now at last the hour had come
When but One could pay sin's wages;
You assumed their dreadful sum.

Never so alone and lonely,
longing with tormented heart
to be with your dear ones only
for a quiet hour apart:
sinless lamb and fallen creature,
one last Paschal meal to eat,
one last lesson as their teacher,
washing your disciples' feet.

What was there that you could give them
that would never be outspent,
what great gift that would outlive them,
what last will and testament?
"Show me and the world you love me,
know me as the Lamb of God;
Do this in remembrance of me,
eat this Body, drink this Blood."

One in faith, in love united,
all one body, you the head,
when we meet, by you invited,
you are with us, as you said.
One with you and one another
in a unity sublime,
see in us your sister, brother,
one in every place and time.

Jarolsav J. Vajda

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION Stacey Midge

COMMUNION HYMN #94
An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare

COMMUNION PRAYER

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 God thanks and praise!

SANCTUS (*sung in unison*)

Holy, Holy, Lord God of Hosts!

heav'n and earth are full of thy glory,

glory be to Thee O Lord most high!

COMMUNION

Worshippers are invited to come forward to receive Communion by dipping the bread in the cup. All followers of Christ are welcome.

*HYMN *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded* #98

TENEBRAE SERVICE

Tenebrae is the Latin word for shadows. This ancient service invites worshippers to meditate on Christ's passion. The candles are extinguished to represent the desertion and abandonment of Christ on the way to the cross.

Shadows Predicted Gene Rowland
John 13:31-38
Organ Interlude

Shadows of the Agony of Spirit Bill Levering
Mark 14:32-42
Choral Interlude "Agnus Dei"

Shadows of Accusation Ellie Rowland
Matthew 26:59-67
Organ Interlude

Shadows of Denial Stacey Midge
Matthew 26:69-75
Choral Interlude "Kyrie"

Shadows of Crucifixion Mary Jewett
Mark 15:22-32
Choral Interlude "Crucifixus"

Shadows of Forsakenness Daniel Carlson
Mark 15:33-36
Organ Interlude

Shadows of Death Paige Convis
Luke 23:33-46
Choral Interlude "Passus"

PRAYER

CREED SPOKEN (*unison*)

(*Apostles' Creed*)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy Catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen

DISMISSAL

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The Office of Tenebrae choral music is from A Sacred Cantata by Joseph Clokey.

A Good Friday service will be held tomorrow in the sanctuary at 12pm.

Easter Sunday join us for the grand celebration of Easter joy at 10am for Worship.