

**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.*



Maundy Thursday

March 29, 2018



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## Maundy Thursday

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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

*Seasonal Hymns*

GREETING Jonathan Vanderbeck

CALL TO WORSHIP

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

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

*Ah Holy Jesus* Cruger/Matheny

Ah Holy Jesus, How hast thou offended,  
That man to judge thee hath in hate pretended?  
By foes derided, by thine own rejected,  
O most afflicted.

For me kind Jesus, was thine incarnation,  
Thy mortal sorrow and thy life's oblation;  
Thy death of anguish and thy bitter passion,  
For my salvation.

Therefore kind Jesus, since I cannot pay thee,  
I do adore thee, and will ever pray thee,  
Think on thy pity and thy love unswerving  
Not my deserving.

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION Rev. Jonathan Vanderbeck

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 (*spoken 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**

MYSTERIUM FIDEI (*spoken in unison*)

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

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 Jonathan Vanderbeck  
John 13:31-38  
Organ Interlude

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

Shadows of Accusation Daniel Carlson  
Matthew 26:59-67  
Organ Interlude

Shadows of Denial Jonathan Vanderbeck  
Matthew 26:69-75  
Choral Interlude "Kyrie"

Shadows of Crucifixion Gillian Pizzolo  
Mark 15:22-32  
Choral Interlude "Crucifixus"

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

Shadows of Death Jonathan Vanderbeck  
Luke 23:33-46  
Choral Interlude "Passus"

PRAYER

CREED (*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.