

AN ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD
Maundy Thursday
Tenebrae and Communion Service
April 21, 2011 7:30 P.M.

SILENT MEDITATION IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE *Toccata per l'Elevazione* Girolamo Frescobaldi,
1583-1643
Organ

CALL TO WORSHIP The Rev. Rosanna Anderson
Jesus said, "I give you a new commandment. Love one another."
And they will know we are Christians by our love.
"Love one another, just as I have loved you."
We will be known as Christ's disciples by our love.

HYMN #101 (Hymnal)* *"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (In Unison)*

Merciful God, you come to us in astonishing ways—humble, yet with authority; helpless, yet with the power to save. You have shown us how to live lives grounded in gratitude and consecrated in service. Forgive us, Lord, for we have not followed your lead. We have not followed you. We confess to you our cowardice, our selfishness, our failure to love as you have loved, and our poor witness to the world. Cleanse us again, we pray. Cleanse us and renew us, that our lives may show forth the love and grace we have received from you. Amen

ASSURANCE OF PARDON*

HYMN #579 (Hymnal)* *"The Gloria Patri"*

THE PEACE*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Dr. Louis Mitchell

SCRIPTURE John 13: 1-17 Kurt Heineman
Pew Bible pgs. 107-108

ANTHEM *"Surely He hath born our griefs"* Lloyd Larson
(*Isaiah 53: 4*) Combined Choirs

HOMILY "Please Use the Servants' Entrance" The Rev. Ron Sager

HYMN #97 (Hymnal)* “*Go to Dark Gethsemane*”

TENEBRAE—The Deepening of the Shadows

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| I. The Shadow of Betrayal | <i>Matthew 26:20-25</i> |
| II. The Shadow of Desertion | <i>Matthew 26:30-35</i> |
| III. The Shadow of Unshared Vigil | <i>Luke 22:39-46</i> |
| IV. The Shadow of Accusation | <i>Mark 14:43-65</i> |
| V. The Shadow of Crucifixion | <i>Matthew 27:27-38</i> |
| VI. The Shadow of Death | <i>Luke 23:44-49</i> |
| VII. The Shadow of the Tomb | <i>Luke 23:50-56</i> |

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD’S PRAYER

SILENT COMMUNION

SILENT DISPERSAL

Welcome to our combined Maundy Thursday Tenebrae and Communion service. A special welcome is extended to our brothers and sisters from the Cranbury United Methodist Church. Tenebrae is an ancient service of darkness, helping us to reflect upon the significance of Christ’s passion and death. Following the “Deepening of the Shadows,” the Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper will be observed. People may come to the communion table individually and in silence. After communion, you may stay for a while in the relative darkness and silence. When leaving the sanctuary, please do so reverently and quietly.

Ushering this evening are Joan Fraser and Karen Moser. Thank you to Amy Dixon for the preparation of communion. Thanks also to George Conley for the lighting.