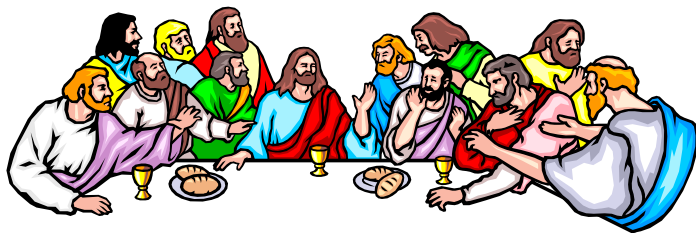


*First Presbyterian Church  
and  
United Methodist Church  
Cranbury, New Jersey*



*Maundy Thursday  
April 5, 2012*

**AN ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD**  
**Maundy Thursday**  
**Tenebrae and Communion Service**  
**April 5, 2012 7:30 P.M.**

SILENT MEDITATION IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

*Voluntary in E Minor*

**John Stanley**  
Organ

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Rev. Rosanna Anderson

With the table of our Lord spread before us,  
**we gather to offer ourselves in worship.**  
With the table of our Lord spread before us,  
**we pray for strength and new life in our faith.**  
With the table of our Lord spread before us,  
**we commit ourselves to lives of service and love.**  
With the table of our Lord spread before us,  
**we come to be united as one body together.**  
With the table of our Lord spread before us,  
**let us worship God.**

HYMN #371 (Hymnal)\*      *“Lift High the Cross”*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (In Unison)\*

**God of mercy and grace, your table is spread before us and we remember. We remember the love of your Son who washed the feet of the one who would betray him. We remember the love of your Son who broke bread and whose body was broken. We remember the love of your Son and know the reality of our sin. We are not worthy to be at table or to be served. Forgive us and help us remember our Savior, who was broken that we might be made whole. Amen**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON\*

HYMN #579 (Hymnal)\*      *“The Gloria Patri”*

THE PEACE\*

SCRIPTURE

Philippians 2: 1-11

The Rev. Dr. Ron Sager  
Pew Bible pg. 197

ANTHEM

*“Gethsemane”*

**Robert Graham**  
Combined Choirs

HOMILY

“He Descended into Hell” The Rev. Dr. Louis Mitchell

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 Lil Conley and Karen Moser. Thank you to Amy Dixon for the preparation of communion. Thanks also to George Conley for the lighting.

*Easter Sunday Worship Schedule  
Cranbury Presbyterian Church  
April 8, 2012*

7:00 a.m. Sunrise Service - Village Park  
10:30 a.m. Easter Worship Service  
11:30 a.m. Coffee Hour (No Sunday School)

*United Methodist Church  
Worship Schedule  
Good Friday - April 6, 2012*

12:15 p.m. Good Friday Community Service

*Easter Sunday - April 8, 2012*

7:00 a.m. Sunrise Service - Village Park  
7:30 a.m. Easter Breakfast  
9:00 a.m. Easter Worship Service  
11:00 a.m. Easter Worship Service