

Maundy Thursday

“Maundy” comes from the Latin word *Mandatum* which is translated “commandment.” After Jesus washed the disciple’s feet and they share the Passover meal, Judas leaves the group to betray Jesus to the authorities. Jesus then shares with the disciples a new commandment, to not just love each other; our neighbors, our enemies, but to love others the way HE loves us. By loving this way, the world will know by this amazing love that we are followers of Jesus.

Tenebrae Service

The service of *Tenebrae*, meaning “darkness” or “shadows,” has been practiced by the church since medieval times. Once a service for the monastic community, *Tenebrae* later came to be an important part of the worship of the medieval common folk during Holy Week. Today we join Christians of many generations and from around the world using the liturgy of *Tenebrae*. *Tenebrae* is prolonged meditation on Christ’s sufferings. Readings trace the story of Christ’s passion, music portrays His pathos, and the power of silence and darkness suggest the drama of this momentous day.

We ponder the depth of Christ’s suffering through mounting darkness and end with the Scripture of his death.

There will be a loud noise after the Christ candle, the final light, has been extinguished and the sanctuary is in darkness.

EASTER SUNDAY SCHEDULE

6:30 am Sunrise Service & Breakfast
9:30 am Choir Practice
10:00 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship - Easter Service
Minister: Ardy Skidmore

LOCUST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



How beautiful, O Lord, are the feet that
proclaim the gospel.

Make us ready to follow Christ:
in word and action,
in service and love,

so that all the world may know the one we love
and serve:

Jesus Christ the Lord.

John 13:1-17, 31b-35; Isaiah 52:7

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Maundy Thursday and Tenebrae Service

Call to Worship

ONE: God is Light, in Whom there is no darkness at all.

ALL: For God sent the Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through Him.

Hymn: “O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”

#98 (Verse 1 and 2 only)

Unison Prayer of Confession

Most gracious God, look upon us with mercy. We are weak and too often turn to the world and not to you. You gave us the command to love each other and love You, and we instead love ourselves more. Strengthen our faith and forgive us as our sins toward others and you are too present in our lives. As we come to the table and to the cross, we carry the weight of our sins. We know it is only through Christ that weight is lifted, that we are forgiven. Hear us oh gracious Lord.

Assurance of Pardon

Anthem “Holy Is the Lord”

LPC Choir

Scripture: John 13: 1-11, 31-35

Ardy Skidmore

Sacrament of The Lord’s Supper

Rev. Ayscue

Prayer

Service of Shadows

THE SHADOW OF BETRAYAL

Matthew 26:14-25, 31-35

Hymn #93 Ah, Holy Jesus (all verse 1 only)

THE SHADOW OF AN UNSHARED VIGIL

Matthew 26:36-46

Silent Meditation

THE SHADOW OF DESERTION

John 18:1-17

Silent Meditation

THE SHADOW OF ACCUSATION

John 18:28-19:16

Hymn #93 Ah, Holy Jesus (all verse 2 only)

THE SHADOW OF CRUCIFIXION

John 19:17-25a

Hymn #102 Were You There? (verse 1 and 4 only)

THE SHADOW OF DEATH

Matthew 27: 45-54

Silent Meditation

THE SHADOW OF THE TOMB

John 19:31-42

darkness and closing of tomb

**Please remain in quiet meditation until the lights
are turned up for you to leave in silence.**



