



WELCOME TO SHILOH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
A SERVICE OF TENEBRAE  
MAUNDY THURSDAY  
APRIL 14, 2022  
7:00PM

**THE PRELUDE TO CHRISTIAN WORSHIP**

.....“Midnight In The Garden” ..... Birchwood

**GATHERING WORDS**

**WELCOME AND CONCERNS**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** (*Please stand, as you are able, and join in the call to worship.*)

One: A table is set before us. A feast is prepared for us.  
**All: a meal of bread and wine.**

One: The Lord calls us to this supper of remembrance.  
**All: The Lord calls us to serve and to be served.**

One: As we break the bread and share the cup,  
**All: our understanding may fail us.**

One: But we will never forget Christ’s example.  
**All: We will always remember the full extent of his love. Let us worship God!**

**\*PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

One: Let us pray!  
We love you, Lord. You hear us. You listen to our prayers.  
**All: You have always heard us whenever we’ve called to you.**

One: Though death tries to bind us and the gates of hell open before us,  
**All: we will call on the Lord’s name for deliverance.**

One: You are full of grace and righteousness.  
**All: Lord, you are full of compassion!**

One: You have saved us and preserved us, God.  
**All: We rest in your love and care.**

One: How can we repay you, Lord, for the gifts you’ve showered upon us?  
**All: We offer our thanksgiving to you before all your people!**

One: O praise the Lord!  
**All: Praise be to God! Amen.**

**\*HYMN** ..... “*What Wondrous Love is This*” (vs. 1&2)” ..... #223

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Loving and gracious God, we need your grace. We ask your forgiveness for the times we have acted out of fear rather than faith. We are all too like the disciples, who fled in fear. Forgive our forgetfulness, our difficulty in remembering your never failing love and power, our flight from responsibility and call. This night, tomorrow, and

**in the days ahead, help us to leave our fears behind and live out of your strength and hope. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

One: The One who loves us gives us a new commandment:  
To love one another!

As the Lord has loved us, you are to love each other.  
Let all see this love among you, and glorify God.

**All: Let all see that we belong to Christ! Amen.**

**SHARING THE BLESSING OF CHRIST'S PEACE** (*Please wave to one another*)

Let us greet each other in Christian Friendship.  
The peace of God be with you.

**And also with you.**

**CHANCEL CHOIR** . . . . . "*How Beautiful*" . . . . . Paris/Harlan

**LISTENING FOR GOD IN THE STORIES OF OUR TRADITION**

**Recalling the Passover**

For thousands of years, people have observed the feast of Passover as recorded in the book of Exodus.

**READING** Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14

**\*HYMN** . . . . . "*O God, How We Have Wandered (vs. 1 & 3)*" . . . . . #202

**READING** John 13:1-17, 31b-35

**\*HYMN** . . . . . "*Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love (vs. 1-3)*" . . . . . #498

**READING** 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

**MEDITATION** "Remember Jesus"

**SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION**

*(All are welcome to partake of communion)*

**HYMN OF COMMUNION.** . . . "*O Sacred Head, Now Wounded*" (vs. 1-2) . . . #226

**COMMUNION PRAYER**

One: We bless you, Holy God.  
We bless and call upon your name;  
For your name is great and your majesty inspires us.  
You are the source of all that is:  
From the dawning of creation  
To the redemption of the world  
You grant us freedom in love.

And so we recall that on the night of betrayal and desertion, our brother and Lord, Jesus, took bread, broke and gave it to the disciples, saying:

**All: "This is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."**

One: And, in like manner, after supper, Jesus took the cup and after giving thanks gave it to them saying,

**All: “This is the cup of the new covenant in my blood poured out for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink of it, for the remembrance of me.”**

One: Holding the bread and the cup ever before us we boldly claim, with joy:

**All: Christ has died Christ is risen Christ will come again.**

One: And so we remember.  
We remember who we were born to be.  
We remember who we were born to serve.  
We remember the One who was born and served,  
So that the world would never be the same,  
So that the world could live in freedom.  
And so we pray.

We pray for the day when  
Healing and love reign without interruption,  
When freedom is real for all,  
When liberty touches everyone,  
When joy is complete.  
We pray. We pray for your Spirit to move among us  
And to bless these gifts of bread and juice before us.

**All: Draw us together as  
one with your church  
one with your creation  
one in you. Amen.**

**SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP**

*To demonstrate our unity in Christ, we will take the elements together. Please open the cup containing the bread first, then please open the juice. Thank you!*

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

**For these gifts, O God, we thank you.  
For your grace, O God, we praise you.  
For your love, O God, we adore you. Amen.**

**THE SERVICE OF SHADOWS TENEBRAE**

One: Loving God, you care for your people. You offer us more than we need. You sent your own Son to be our Friend and Savior. Jesus healed the sick, shared food with the hungry, and made those who were outcast feel like they belonged. Jesus proclaimed your never-ending love in word and in deed. Yet, like Peter, we often deny knowing Jesus and his gospel.

**All: Forgive us loving God.**

**\*HYMN. . . . . “Were You There?” (Vs. 1). . . . . #229**

One: Jesus showed us that the way to greatness was to be humble and to be a servant. Jesus taught us to love even our enemies, to welcome those we did not know, to see your glory in every part of creation, and in the face of every human being. Yet, like Judas, we look out for ourselves and have not truly learned what it means to love one another.

**All: Forgive us, loving God.**

(Lights turned down.)

*Silence*

**\*HYMN. . . . . “Were You There?” (Vs. 2). . . . . #229**

One: In Jesus, you came to live as one of us, O God. Jesus knew fully what it meant to be human, especially knowing pain and fear in the last days. Yet Jesus was faithful to the end, stopping at nothing to prove your love for all people. While Jesus prayed in anguish in the Garden of Gethsemane, his closest friends fell asleep. We, like them, so often fail to hold fast to your ideals and live the truth of our beliefs.

**All: Forgive us, loving God.**

(Lights turned down.)

*Silence*

\*HYMN. . . . . “Were You There?” (Vs. 3). . . . . #229

**UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Precious Lord, too often we leave you on the cross. We have heard you teach and felt your healing touch. But somehow we prefer to leave you hanging silently on the cross. You faced the forces of violence with peace and love, and conquered them by compassion. Open our hearts to feel the love of the Creator, who desires peace above bloodshed. Forgive us for being bystanders when you, precious Lord, need us to act in love. Too often we leave you on the cross, precious Lord Jesus Christ. Forgive us still. Amen.**

(Lights turned down.)

*Silence*

\*HYMN. . . . . “Were You There?” (Vs. 4). . . . . #229

**THE STRIPPING OF THE SANCTUARY**

*There is no Benediction because the events of this night do not conclude until Easter morning resurrection. Keep the faith in vigil through Good Friday and Holy Saturday. Please depart in silence.*

**WE ARE DELIGHTED THAT YOU JOINED US FOR WORSHIP TODAY!**

- **LITURGIST:** Brad Jacobs
- **READERS:** Ray Fox, Joan Hamme, Brad Jacobs & Tom Klunk
- **USHERS AND GREETERS:** Members of Consistory



During Lent, the Sunday school classes are collecting offerings for the **Friends and Neighbors of Pennsylvania**. This group is based in York and cares for the homeless. They go out daily to find the homeless wherever they are living - under bridges, in tents etc. The group makes the homeless aware of upcoming severe weather conditions and attempts to provide resources where they can be safe. They also provide tents, sleeping bags, long underwear and other supplies for daily living. If you would like to help the Sunday School classes, you can mark your offering envelope with Sunday School -Lent or use another envelope marked for the Sunday School Lent offering. The **special Easter envelopes** will also be used to collect for the Friends and Neighbors of Pennsylvania.

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