

WELCOME TO SHILOH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
A SERVICE OF TENEBRAE  
MAUNDY THURSDAY  
MARCH 28, 2024  
7:00PM

PRELUDE "Olivet" Southbridge

GATHERING WORDS

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

One: Holy One, we come in remembrance of you.

**All: Wash us clean, O Lord.**

One: The bread of forgiveness reminds us of your love.

**All: Wash us clean, O Lord.**

One: We seek the cup of the new covenant.

**All: Wash us clean, O Lord.**

One: Let us join together in praise and thanksgiving.

**All: We remember the full extent of God's love. Let us worship God!**

\*PRAYER OF INVOCATION

One: Let us pray!

**Your love calls us here, Gracious One, calling us to dine with you and to be instruments of your love. Gather us in Jesus' name, that we may offer him the full measure of our devotion. Amen.**

\*HYMN "What Wondrous Love is This" (Vs. 1&2) #223

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Let us pray!

**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.**



THIS CUP IS THE NEW TESTAMENT  
IN MY BLOOD. 1 CORINTHIANS 11:25



PARTAKING IN THE ELEMENTS

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.**

(Lights turned down)

*Silence*

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*

UNION PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Let us pray!

**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.*

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

- **LITURGIST:** Bobby Limbert
- **READERS:** Tom Fox, Jane Harrison, Tom Klunk, Linda Little
- **USHERS & GREETERS:** Members of Consistory

**WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL OF THE VOLUNTEERS AND MUSICIANS FOR PROVIDING THE WORSHIP MUSIC!**

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There is an envelope marked **LENTEN OFFERING** in your box of envelopes. The money collected from that envelope will be going to **The Shiloh Fire Company**.

Also, during our Lenten season, the Sunday School Board has voted to support the **Heifer Project International** for our Lenten Project. These contributions will be collected the first **Sunday in Lent, February 18 through Easter Sunday, March 31** and should be placed in your regular envelopes and mark Heifer on the “other” line. All Sunday School and Church Members are invited to support both of these missions.

This year’s **special Easter offering** collected will go to **New Life for Girls**. Help support this organization in their work to turn the lives around for the many girls they serve.

