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Maundy Thursday

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Please remember to turn off your cell phones during the Worship Service. Thank you.

In the Fellowship Hall after Supper is concluded

Explanation of Tonight's Service

The emptying of the Lenten Giving Boxes

Communion

Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.

Please see Pastor Meredith

*The Call to Confession:

Pastor: *Brothers and sisters, we are called to be children of the day and not children of the night.*

All: **Let us approach the throne of grace that we may receive mercy.**

Pastor: *Let us pray.*

Confession of Sin

All: **Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more into your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen**

Pastor: *Lord have mercy.*

All: **Christ have mercy.**

Pastor: *Lord have mercy.*

Assurance of Pardon:

Pastor: *This is the message we have heard from Christ and proclaim to you: God is light.*

All: **If we walk in the light as Christ is in the light, we have communion with one another and the blood of Jesus Christ cleanses us from all sin.**

The Communion Prayer

Pastor: *Holy God, we praise and bless you for creation and the gift of life and for your abiding love, which binds us close to you, the source of all blessing. We thank you for revealing your will for us in the giving of the law and in the preaching of the prophets. We thank you especially that in the fullness of time you sent Jesus, born of Mary, to live in our midst, to share in our suffering and to accept the pain of death at the hands of those whom Jesus loved. We rejoice that in a perfect victory over the grave you raised Christ with power to become sovereign in your realm. We celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit to gather your church by which your work may be done in the world and through which we share the gift of eternal life.*

We remember that on the night of betrayal and desertion, Jesus took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread and gave it to the disciples, saying: "This is my body which is broken for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

In the same way, Jesus also took the cup after supper saying: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this as often as you drink it in remembrance of me."

Consecrate, therefore, by your Holy Spirit, these gifts of bread and wine and bless us that as we receive them at this table, we may offer you our faith and praise, we may be united with Christ and with one another, and we may continue faithful in all things. In the strength Christ gives us, we offer ourselves to you, eternal God, and give thanks that you have called us to serve you. Amen

The Breaking of the Bread
The Pouring of the Cup

Partaking of the elements of the Bread and the Cup

All: The Bread which we break is the communion of the body of Christ. (Please eat the bread at this time)

All: The Cup of Blessing which we bless is the communion of the blood of Christ. (Please drink the juice at this time.)

**(Silently process to the sanctuary)*

Tenebrae

*Entrance Music

*Hymn # 223 “What Wondrous Love Is This”
(Lighting of the Candles – Allen Latherow, Acolyte)

*The Collect

Pastor: God be with you

All: And with you also.

Pastor: Let us pray.

All: Gracious God, you give us the sun to illumine the day and the moon and stars to shine by night. Kindle in us the flame of your love that our lives may shed abroad the radiance of your light and the world may be full of the splendor of your glory; through Jesus Christ, the Sun of Righteousness. Amen

A Service of “Shadows”

Readers

R.J. Miller, Bella Long, Brenna Driscoll, Natalie Hartung,
Gregory Thomas, Stephanie Cherep, Hanna Miller

Candle Bearers

Brianna Klingensmith, Bryce Klingensmith, Madison Diak,
Chase Simons, Kyle Dugan

Anthem: “Jesus Died Alone”

The Lord’s Prayer (spoken)

**All: Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom,
and the power and the glory forever. Amen**

*Hymn #229 “Were You There” Verses 1-2-3 (omit verse 4)

Please depart in silence.

Your offering may be put in the plates in the back of the sanctuary. Tonight’s offering is dedicated to help the people of Flint, Michigan, with their water crisis.

The choir will rehearse after this evening’s Tenebrae Service.

Holy Week

Tomorrow, Good Friday, Pastor Meredith and persons from our congregation will join other churches in Penn-Trafford on a **Prayer Walk** through Harrison City. Pastor Meredith will be praying at the businesses in the Penny Lane (Giant Eagle) Plaza. If you would like to participate, please speak with her or sign the list on the bulletin board in the Education Wing. Pastor Meredith will be glad to do the praying, but your presence in joining her will be a prayer as well. We will gather at the Harrison City Post Office parking lot at 5:30PM and then drive to Penny Lane and meet in front of Giant Eagle.



This Coming Sunday is Easter!

On Easter we will have services at 8:00AM and 11:00AM with breakfast at 9:15. Proceeds from the breakfast donations will go toward the camp scholarship fund for our youth.

Following the breakfast, there will be an Easter party for our children and youth downstairs in the Education Wing.

