

Worship Leader

Mike Shelton

Musicians

Mark Owen Davis, conductor
Alice Brooks Sanders, organist

Soloists

Sara Hrivnak*, soprano
Avery Smith*, tenor
Mark Davis, baritone

Chancel Choir

Soprano:

Helen Baylor
Carolyn Collins
Pat Dunn*
Barbara Foust
Emily Gaude
Sara Hrivnak*
Lynetta Johnson

Alto:

Sally Crawford
Barbara Maston
Jenella Oliver
Sue Redmon
Kathy Ruffle

Tenor:

Noe Amellal*
Brenden Christie*
Mary Gail Py
Avery Smith*

Bass:

Jim Amstutz
Steve Hrivnak*
Larry Maston
Ivey Redmon

* *Guest Artists*

First Presbyterian Church

Kingsport, Tennessee



Maundy Thursday
April 6, 2023

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Tenebrae: A Service of Darkness

APRIL 6, 2023

6:30 P.M.

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 became an important part of the worship of the common folk during Holy Week. We join Christians of many generations throughout the world in using the liturgy of Tenebrae.

Tenebrae is a prolonged meditation on Christ’s suffering. Readings trace the story of Christ’s passion, music portrays his pathos, and the power of silence and darkness suggests the drama of this momentous event.

Please enter in silence.

BELLS OF GOD’S PRESENCE

SOLO VOICE

“O All Ye Who Travel”
Sara Hrivnak, Soprano

T. Dubois

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Emmanuel, who walked among us here,

People: **Inspiring hope, removing doubt and fear,**

Leader: Your friends are gathered now, so come as you said,

People: **Be known to us in cup and broken bread.**

Leader: May we walk,

People: **May we walk with each other to life's end, not as servant nor as slave, but as a friend.**

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*HYMN

“What Wondrous Love Is This”

What wondrous love is this, Lamb of God, Bread of Heav’n?

*What wondrous love is this, Wine of Heav’n? What wondrous love is this -
Your body you would give, shed blood that I might live in your love, be made whole -
What wondrous sacrifice for my soul?*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

What would we have done if we had been with Jesus, God? Like Peter, trying foolishly to defend him with one puny sword? Like the other disciples, staying at a safe distance from the cross? Like Judas, betraying the Lord out of a misguided patriotism? Like Caiaphas, equally misguided, offering Jesus up as a scapegoat? Like Pilate, "just following orders," washing his hands of the whole business? We do not know, God, but we dare not claim much for ourselves, knowing our paltry performance today, our wavering courage, our uncertain commitment. In the presence of the Crucified, grant us the pardon he secured for the people of his day, people so much like us. Forgive us, please, and bear with us for his sake.

CHORAL PRAYER

“O Savior of the World”

R. Clemensen

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*SUNG RESPONSE

“What Wondrous Love Is This”

To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing; to God and to the Lamb I will sing!

To God and to the Lamb, Who is the great I AM, while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing;

While millions join the theme, I will sing!

SCRIPTURE READING:

from: Matthew 26 and Luke 22

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The Supper

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Please remain seated until directed by an usher ~ approach and encircle the table. When you receive the Element, partake, and pass to your neighbor, saying if you wish, “the Body of Christ”, and then “ the Cup of salvation”. When all have partaken, you may return to your pew by the side aisle.

Invitation

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Breaking of the Bread

Prayer after Communion

HYMN NO. 710

“We Are an Offering”

The Tenebrae

FIRST READING:

from Matthew 26

Jim Amstutz

HYMN NO. 724

“O Jesus, I Have Promised” *(vs. 1,3)*

SECOND READING:

from Mark 14

Barbara Maston

HYMN NO. 204

“Stay with Me”
Choir; All join second time and repeat

THIRD READING:

from Matthew 26

Mark Davis

SILENT MEDITATION

FOURTH READING:

from Luke 22 and 23

Lynetta Johnson

HYMN NO. 216

“Beneath the Cross of Jesus” *(vs.1,3)*

FIFTH READING:

from Luke 23

Claudia Mihovk

CHORALE

“Verily, Thou Shalt Be”
Avery Smith, Tenor; Mark Davis, Baritone

T. Dubois

SIXTH READING:

from Luke 23

Russ Pearson

CHORALE

“Father, Into Thy Hands”
“It Is Finished; And It Was...Christ, We Do All Adore Thee”

T. Dubois

SEVENTH READING:

from John 14 and 16

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The services of Holy Week constitute one prolonged service; there will be no benediction until Easter. The pastor will dismiss the congregation.

Please leave in silence.