

FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SIERRA VISTA, ARIZONA



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Order of Worship Maundy Thursday - Communion April 6, 2023

LENTEN CHIMES

"I give you a new commandment, that you love one another."

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Jesus said: I give you a new commandment, that you love one another.
Just as Christ has loved us, let us love one another.

Beloved people of God: This is the day when Christ, our Passover Lamb, surrendered himself to those who would kill him, setting us free from sin and death forever. This is the day when Christ, our Teacher and Lord, knelt down to wash the disciples' feet, showing us how to love and serve one another. This is the day when Christ, the bread of heaven, shared a holy meal with his followers, offering a feast of abundant life and grace for all.

* HYMN

* THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

Eternal God, whose covenant with us is never broken, we confess that we fail to fulfill your will. Though you have bound yourself to us, we will not bind ourselves to you. In Jesus Christ you serve us freely, but we refuse your love and withhold ourselves from others. We do not love you fully or love one another as you command. In your mercy, forgive and cleanse us. Lead us once again to your table and unite us to Christ, who is the bread of life and the vine from which we grow in grace.



***ASSURANCE OF PARDON (responsively)**

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM *“When You Prayed Beneath the Trees”* - Larson

SCRIPTURE LESSON 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word. Thanks be to God.

MEDITATION **“A Sign of Gratitude for God’s Steadfast Love”**

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

(Please hold the bread and cup until all are served. All will eat the bread and drink the cup together when the minister does so.)

***HYMN**

A SERVICE OF TENEBRAE

Shadow of Betrayal **First Reading** Johnnie Travis
Matthew 26:20-25

Shadow of Desertion **Second Reading** George Wheat
Matthew 26:31-35

Shadow of Agony **Third Reading** Fred Whitley
Matthew 26:36-43

Arrest in the Garden **Fourth Reading** Sharon Townsend
Matthew 26:47-50

Shadow of Denial **Fifth Reading** Judy Pike
Matthew 26:69-75

Shadow of the Cross **Sixth Reading** Charles Wilkes
Matthew 27:27-36

Shadow of Death **Seventh Reading** Sonny Coble
Matthew 27:45-50

***CONCLUDING PRAYER**

Almighty God, look with mercy on your family for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed and to be given over to the hands of sinners, and to suffer death on the cross.

(After the pastor and worship leaders process out in silence, the rest of the congregation is invited to leave the sanctuary in silence.)
