

# FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SIERRA VISTA, ARIZONA

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Order of Worship Maundy Thursday - Communion March 28, 2024

#### **LENTEN CHIMES**

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

PRELUDE "Distress" – Martin

### 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 "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" #221

## \* 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 "Scenes of Gethsemane" – Martin - Faith Choir

 SCRIPTURE LESSON
 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

 Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.
 Thanks be to God.

 MEDITATION
 "The Open Heart of Jesus"

## 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 *"Were You There"* 

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## A SERVICE OF TENEBRAE

<i>Shadow of Betrayal</i> Matthew 26:20-25	First Reading	Judy Pike
Shadow of Desertion Matthew 26:31-35	Second Reading	Fred Whitley
Shadow of Agony Matthew 26:36-43	Third Reading	Randy Mitchell
Arrest in the Garden Matthew 26:47-50	Fourth Reading	Pam Winters
Shadow of Denial Matthew 26:69-75	Fifth Reading	John Gulde
Shadow of the Cross Matthew 27:27-36	Sixth Reading	Mike Winters
Shadow of Death Matthew 27:45-50	Seventh Reading	Charles Wilkes

### **\*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.)

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