

# FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SIERRA VISTA, ARIZONA

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Order of Worship Maundy Thursday - Communion April 17, 2025

### **LENTEN CHIMES**

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

**PRELUDE**"Gethsemane" - G. 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 - "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" #223

## \* 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.* 

MEDITATION "Jesus Knows"

ANTHEM— "Scenes from Gethsemane" - J. Martin (Faith Choir)

## SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

(COMMUNION WILL BE SERVED BY INTINCTION. IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO COME FORWARD LET THE PASTOR AND WORSHIP LEADER KNOW AND WE WILL BRING THE BREAD AND WINE TO YOU)

#### A SERVICE OF TENEBRAE

HYMN— "Shadows Lengthen Into Night" #20		207 verse 1
Shadow of Betrayal	First Reading	Judy Pike
Matthew 26:20-25		
"Shadows Lengthen Into Night" verse 2		
Shadow of Desertion	Second Reading	Gene Raymond
Matthew 26:31-35		
"Shadows Lengthen Into Night" verse 3, 4		
Shadow of Agony	Third Reading	Susan Powers
Matthew 26:36-43		
"Shadows Lengthen Into Night" verse 5		
Arrest in the Garden	Fourth Reading	Dave Rockwell
Matthew 26:47-50		
"Shadows Lengthen Into Night" verse 6,7		
Shadow of Denial	Fifth Reading	Judy Mayhew
Matthew 26:69-75		
"Shadows Lengthen Into Night" verse 8		
Shadow of the Cross (se	ee note below) Sixth Reading	George Wheat
Matthew 27:27-36		
Shadow of Death Matthew 27:45-50	Seventh Reading	Rev. Brian Louis

# **\*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.

(Note: "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded with Beethoven's Symphony No. 7, Second Movement.)

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