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Easter Sunday Schedule

9:00am Worship

7:45 – 8:45 am Easter Breakfast 10:15-11:15 am Easter Celebration Activities

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First Presbyterian Church
Fond du Lac, Wisconsin
Maundy Thursday
The Service of Holy Communion & Tenebrae
April 14, 2022 7:00pm

The Service of Tenebrae is an adaptation of a Fourth Century service traditionally observed on Thursday of Holy Week. The Latin word, Tenebrae, means shadows or darkness. The service moves from light to darkness, the candles being extinguished to symbolize the denial of the disciples and friends of Jesus. This darkness also symbolizes the darkening of the world as Jesus, the light of the world, was leaving it. Finally, upon his death, the Christ candle is removed. Silence is observed as we contemplate the shock, despair, gloom and sadness of that day and night long ago... and their meaning for our lives today. The service is phrased in words of scripture, which together with the music, speak to us of our Lord.

As each light is extinguished, let us be aware of the many ways we have denied Christ in our own lives, that the darkness of the cross might be made real for us today.

PREPARATION

Gathering Music "Abide with Us, Our Savior"

arranged by Raymond H. Haan

Welcome to Worship

Silent Prayers of Preparation

CONFESSION

***Prayer of Confession**

Jolene Schry

Gracious and merciful God, we confess to you our reluctance to enter the wilderness places where we are confronted with our true selves; the places where we are tempted to put worldly values before our desire for you, and when our hunger for power and wealth is greater than our hunger for seeking and doing your will:

Forgive us, O God, and increase our trust in you.

When we are tempted to use the gifts you give us to benefit ourselves at the expense of serving others:

Forgive us, O God, and increase our trust in you.

When we are tempted to use sensational means to increase people's faith, rather than being guided by the humility of Christ:

Forgive us, O God, and increase our trust in you.

When we are tempted to use bribery to influence and control people:

Forgive us, O God, and increase our trust in you.

When we are tempted to manipulate you, O God, to satisfy our own needs:

Forgive us, O God, and increase our trust in you.

A time of silence for personal confession

Merciful God, save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. Forgive us our sins and fill us with the joy and peace of your salvation. So strengthen us with your Spirit during this Lenten season that we put our whole trust in you as confidently as Jesus did.

This we pray in his name. Amen

***Assurance of Pardon**

As the Apostle Paul wrote: "...if you confess with your lips that Jesus Christ is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved." (Romans 10:9) These words contain the good news that in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God!

***Creed**

We believe that the bread which we break is the communion of Christ's body, and the cup which we bless is the communion of his blood. We believe that the faithful, in the right use of the Lord's Table, so do eat the body, and drink the blood of the Lord Jesus, that He remains in them and they in Him.

We affirm that the faithful in the right use of the Lord's Table join with Christ Jesus.

We affirm that the sacrament shall bring forth fruit, as lively seed sown in good ground.

We make a distinction between Christ Jesus, in his natural substance, and between the elements in the Sacramental signs; so that we will neither worship the signs in place of that which is signified by them; neither yet do we despise and interpret them as unprofitable and vain; but do use them with all reverence, examining ourselves diligently before we do, because we are assured, "That such as eat of that bread, and drink of that cup, unworthily, are guilty of the body and blood of the Lord Jesus."

(The Scotts Confession, 1560, 3.21, alt)

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD AND THE SACRAMENT

Scripture 1 Corinthians 11:17-34

***Hymn #367** "Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love" *Congregation*

Meditation "Serious Business" *Rev. Ken Locke*

See insert titled Invitation to the Table for Communion

Music interlude "Calvary" *arranged by Richard Billingham*
(At this time the table is cleared, and the cross is draped and prayers from the cross are burned as we prepare for the Service of Tenebrae)

THE SERVICE OF TENEBRAE SEVEN TIMES HE SPOKE

INTERCESSION

"Father, forgive them; they do not know what they are doing"

Scripture: Luke 23: 26-38

Henry Hayes

Time for silent meditation – The first candle is extinguished

ASSURANCE

"Today you will be with me in Paradise"

Scripture: Luke 23: 39-43

Jaeda Rehn

***Hymn #93** "Ah, Holy Jesus"

Congregation

Time for silent meditation – The second candle is extinguished

CHARGE

"Mother, here is your son...Here is your mother."

Scripture: John 19: 25b-27

Jim Dassow

Time for silent meditation – The third candle is extinguished

DESPAIR

"My God, my God, why hast Thou forsaken me?"

Scripture: Mark 15: 33-34

Jolene Schry

Hymn #97 "Go to Dark Gethsemane" (vs. 1 & 2)

Congregation

Time for silent meditation – The fourth candle is extinguished

NEED

"I thirst"

Scripture: John 19: 28-29

Jaeda Rehn

Time for silent meditation – The fifth candle is extinguished

ACCOMPLISHMENT

"It is finished"

Scripture: John 19: 30

Jim Dassow

***Hymn #85** "What Wondrous Love is This"

Congregation

Time for silent meditation – The sixth candle is extinguished

COMMITMENT

"Father, into your hands I commit my spirit"

Scripture: Luke 23: 44-49

Henry Hayes

Time for silent meditation – The seventh candle is extinguished

TOLLING OF THE BELL

***Hymn #102** "Were You There?"

Congregation

*(The Christ Candle is removed during the singing of the last verse.
You are invited to turn and face the light as it is carried out)*

Benediction

Silent Recessional in Reverence