



# First Presbyterian Church

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**Maundy Thursday**

April 14, 2022 + 7:30 p.m.



# A Word About Tonight's Service

Tonight's service will be dramatic. It begins with a lot of light and celebration as we remember Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, his miracles and teachings in the week that follows, and the joyful Passover meal he shared with his friends. We will take part in the ancient ritual of foot washing, a true moment of barrier-breaking and equality among people. Then dining at the table of grace, we recall Christ's death and resurrection as we feast in expectation of the coming Kingdom of God.

But then the evening turns dark. Following the meal, we travel with Jesus to the garden where he prays in agony for a reprieve from suffering. Accepting God's will, we watch as Judas betrays the Savior and Peter rushes forward in a valiant flash to defend his friend – we may want to do the same. Jesus speaks peace and healing even in his most desperate moments, and is taken away to stand trial before the authorities. There is no more bravery here, no more valiant defense – all of his friends betray him and the world is plunged into darkness.

As we stand in the courtyards of everyday life, what will we say when we are asked, "Do you know him?"

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**Prelude**                      *Adagio* (from Fifth Symphony)                      Gustav Mahler

## Greeting

### \*Call to Worship

God forbid that I should boast of anything but the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**In him is salvation, life, and resurrection from the dead; by him we are redeemed and set free.**

May God be gracious to us and bless us.

**Blessed be the name of the Lord our God, who redeems us from sin and death!**

For us and for our salvation, Christ became obedient unto death, even death on a cross. Blessed be the name of the Lord!

**Let us worship God together!**

**Evening Prayer and The Lord’s**

Receive my prayer as incense, O God.

**My uplifted hands as an evening sacrifice.**

Master you are lifted up, and we bow before your cross to receive your blessings; “Father, forgive them for they know not what they do.”

**We are humbled by your forgiveness.**

“Today you will be with me in paradise.”

**We are awed by your promise.**

“Mother, this is your son - and she is your mother.”

**We would love each other as you have loved us.**

“My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”

**Stay with us, God, that we may stand by all those in need.**

“I am thirsty.”

**Make us generous to share with those who hunger and thirst.**

“It is finished.”

**Complete your work in us, and use us according to your will.**

“Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.”

**We give ourselves to you in trust and peace.**

*A time of silence is kept.*

Eternal God, as we are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ, so give us the grace of repentance that we may pass through the grave with him and be born again to eternal life. For he is the One who was crucified, dead, and buried, and rose again for us, Jesus, our Savior, who taught us to pray, saying...

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts,  
as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the  
power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**



# The Tenebrae



**Statement About The Service**

**The Light of the World**

**The Calling of the Twelve**

**The Events of Holy Week**

**The Upper Room**

**Foot Washing Ceremony**

**Hymn (see back page) “The Gift of Love”**

**The Prophecy**

**Silent Prayer and Reflection**

**Anthem**

*Via Dolorosa*

Tom Fettke

*Down the Via Dolorosa in Jerusalem that day  
The soldiers tried to clear the narrow street  
But the crowd pressed in to see  
The man condemned to die on Calvary*

*He was bleeding from a beating, there were stripes upon His back  
And He wore a crown of thorns upon His head  
And He bore with every step  
The scorn of those who cried out for His death*

*Down the Via Dolorosa called the way of suffering  
Like a lamb came the Messiah, Christ the King  
But He chose to walk that road out of  
His love for you and me  
Down the Via Dolorosa, all the way to Calvary*

## **The Sacrament of The Lord's Supper**

### **Invitation to the Lord's Table**

#### **The Great Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is truly right and our greatest joy  
to give you thanks and praise,  
O Lord our God, creator and ruler of the universe...

Therefore we praise you,  
joining our voices with the celestial choirs  
and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever  
sing to the glory of your name:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven  
and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

You are holy, O God of majesty,  
and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son,  
our Lord, whom you sent to deliver us  
from the bondage of death and slavery to sin...

According to his commandment:

**We remember his death,  
we proclaim his resurrection,  
we await his coming in glory.**

Gracious God,  
pour out your Holy Spirit upon us  
and upon these your gifts of bread and wine...

As this bread is Christ's body for us,  
Send us out to be the body of Christ in the world.

Lead us, O God, by the power of your Spirit  
To live as love commands...

Through Christ,  
all glory and honor are yours, almighty Father,  
with the Holy Spirit in the holy church, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

**Breaking of the Bread**  
**Communion of the People**  
**Prayer After Communion**

**Hymn**                    "Go to Dark Gethsemane"    st. 1

**Go to dark Gethsemane, all who feel the tempter's power;  
your Redeemer's conflict see, watch with Him one bitter hour;  
turn not from His grief away, learn from Jesus Christ to pray.**

**The Mount of Olives**

**The Betrayal**

**The Denial**

**The Trial**

**Hymn**                    "Go to Dark Gethsemane"    st. 2

**Follow to the judgment hall; view the Lord of Life arraigned;  
O the worm-wood and the gall! O the pangs His soul sustained!  
Shun not suffering, shame or loss; Learn from Christ to bear  
the cross.**

**The Trial, continued**

**Hymn**                    “Go to Dark Gethsemane” st. 3

**Calvary’s mournful mountain climb; there, adoring at his feet  
mark that miracle of time, God’s own sacrifice complete:  
“It is finished” - hear him cry; learn of Jesus Christ to die.**

**Litany of The Cross**

Behold the cross on which was hung the salvation of the whole world.  
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**The Crucifixion**

**The Abandonment**

**The Darkness**

**Sending**            “Christ, We Do All Adore Thee”

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**Leading in Worship Tonight:**

Pastor Andrew Long and Pastor Libby Moses

Sara Gleason, choir director

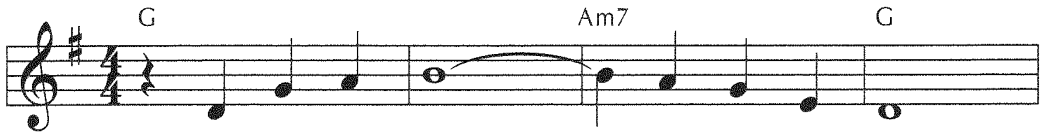
Carl Bingle, organ

FPC’s Chancel Choir

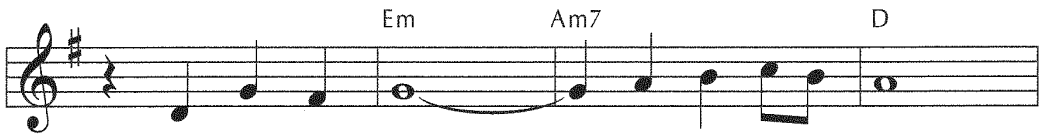
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**Worship continues tomorrow, April 15th,  
12:30 p.m., in the Sanctuary**

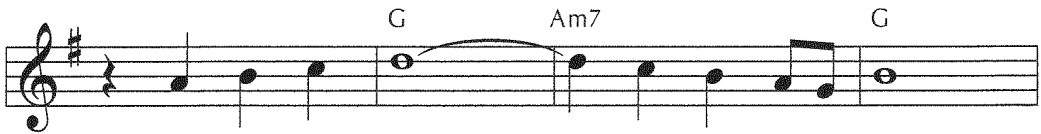
# “The Gift of Love”



1 Though I may speak with brav - est fire,  
 2 Though I may give all I pos - sess,  
 3 Come, Spir - it, come, our hearts con - trol;



and have the gift to all in - spire,  
 and striv - ing so my love pro - fess,  
 our spir - its long to be made whole.



and have not love, my words are vain,  
 but not be given by love with - in,  
 Let in - ward love guide ev - ery deed;



as sound - ing brass, and hope - less gain.  
 the prof - it soon turns strange - ly thin.  
 by this we wor - ship, and are freed.