

ORDER OF WORSHIP

April 14, 2022

7:00 P.M.

Welcome to Worship at the Ellington Congregational Church, United Church of Christ. We're blessed to have you with us this evening. If you are visiting and would like to receive more information about our church, please fill out an **"I Wish"** card found in the pew rack.

Our Church Mission Statement

*To be a dynamic and nurturing community
called by God's grace
to know Christ and make Him known
through worship, love, and service.*

Adopted September 15, 2019



MAUNDY (HOLY) THURSDAY SERVICE

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

TENEBRAE SERVICE



PREPARATORY NOTES

MAUNDY is the English form of the Latin word meaning commandment. Jesus' new commandment to "love one another even as I have loved you" is the focus of Maundy Thursday. This love is demonstrated in Jesus' example of servanthood and the gift of Jesus' self in Holy Communion. The theme of servanthood is included in the observance of Maundy Thursday

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through a service of foot washing. The Order for Tenebrae follows the conclusion of a Maundy Thursday service remembering Jesus' last supper.

TENEBRAE is the Latin term for shadows. It is a service of lessons followed by the gradual extinguishing of lights. The moment of total darkness recalls the days Christ was in the tomb. The relighting of the Christ candle is prophetic of Easter, which is soon to dawn. **The service of Tenebrae is not a reenactment of the Last Supper; the readers do not represent Christ and his disciples.** The readings of the Tenebrae service recall the events of Christ's last days: the Last Supper, the betrayal, the arrest, Christ's suffering, the trial, Christ's death, Christ's burial, and the destitution of the disciples. Originally celebrated over the course of three evenings, here these events are combined into one ceremony.

As the prelude begins, let the music help you enter into the spirit of worship and prayer.

THE APPROACH

PRELUDE

***RESPONSIVE WELCOME**

Pastor: Welcome in the name of God, Christ Jesus, and the Holy Spirit.

All: God is our light and our salvation; whom shall we fear? God is the strength of our lives. Because of that strength we are given courage. We seek God's presence and are not disappointed. We shall trust in God, for God is our salvation.

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GATHERING FOR THE WORD

***RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: In remembrance, we gather:

All: to be with the One who teaches us the meaning of faithfulness.

Leader: In remembrance, we worship:

All: lifting our voices to the One who calls us to love one another.

Leader: In remembrance, we feast:

All: breaking the Bread which makes us whole, drinking the Cup which fills us with grace.

***HYMN**

Chalice Hymnal #200

What Wondrous Love Is This

***THE LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES**

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Creator and Loving God, you kneel to wash our feet, yet we are reluctant for you to see all the places we have gone in our attempts to escape you. You would bathe us in the warm, living waters of your love though we splash and play in the puddles of temptation. We have received all the gifts you have to offer, yet we are tempted to think they are only for us, rather than sharing them. Forgive us, Holy One, and have mercy on us. What can we give you for all your wonderful graciousness towards us? As you have broken your heart for us, may we open ours in service to others. As you have given your life for us, may we offer ours to bring healing to the world. As you have called us together around

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your Table, may we go forth to feed a world hungry, not only for food, but for that Spirit which brings peace and reconciliation. This we pray as servants of Christ Jesus, who came to serve us in life, in death, and in resurrection hope. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

Pastor: On this holiest of nights, we have received the good news: God has come in Christ Jesus, to fill us with hope and peace, to bathe us in grace and mercy and forgiveness. Amen.

***GLORIA PATRI**

Chalice Hymnal #35

***Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever-shall be,
world with-out end. A-men. A-men.***

JESUS WASHES THE DISCIPLE'S FEET

GOSPEL LESSON

Pew Bible NT p. 1076

LP Pew Bible NT p. 153

John 13:1-17

THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE UPPER ROOM

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

An Invitation to Communion

Blessing of the Elements

**All: Gracious and Loving God, we gather in your name,
invited by Jesus, and bound together with your Spirit in**

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union with each other. We ask that you feed our bodies and our spirits with your loving presence so that we can be your love for others. Bless this food and break open our hearts. Bless this drink and pour out your love. Amen.

Distributing the Elements

Sharing the Elements

Prayer of Gratitude

All: God of Abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ Jesus, making us one with all your people. We give you thanks that you send us forth in the power of your Spirit that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Christ Jesus, our teacher, example, and savior. Amen.

TENEBRAE – THE GATHERING DARKNESS

ANTHEM

Senior Choir

Shadow of Gethsemane

THE SHADOW OF BETRAYAL

Matthew 26:20-25

THE SHADOW OF DESERTION

Matthew 26:31-35

HYMN (congregation)

Chalice Hymnal #210 (vs. 1)

Ah, Holy Jesus, How Hast Thou Offended

THE AGONY OF THE SOUL

Luke 22:39-44

THE UNSHARED VIGIL

Mark 14:32-41

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HYMN

Solo: Dave Robert #210 (vs. 2)

Ah, Holy Jesus, How Hast Thou Offended

FATHER, THE HOUR IS COME

John 17:1-6

“THAT THEY MAY BE ONE”

John 17:15-22

HYMN

Senior Choir #210 (vs. 3)

Ah, Holy Jesus, How Hast Thou Offended

THE ARREST AT THE GATES

John 18:1-5

THE SHADOW OF THE CROSS

Mark 15:16-20

HYMN

Senior Choir #210 (vs. 4)

Ah, Holy Jesus, How Hast Thou Offended

THE LIGHT OF GOD REJECTED

John 1:1-4, 14, 10, 12, 3:19

THE EXTINGUISHING OF THE CANDLES

HYMN

Were You There When They Crucified My Lord

SILENCE

We Invite You To Leave In Quiet Reflection

Deacon Participants: Dave Feindel, Marcia Hesse, Laurie Hazelton, Bill McAllister, Jane Scordato, Joann Scott, Beth Tautkus, Brian Wright

Ushers: Cassie Miller, Robin Miller, Jol Sprowles

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