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Hymns:

UMH 371 — I Stand Amazed in the Presence
UMH 292 — What Wondrous Love Is This
UMH 286 — O Sacred Head, Now Wounded
UMH 530 — Are Ye Able
UMH 288 — Were You There
UMH 298 — When I Survey the Wondrous Cross



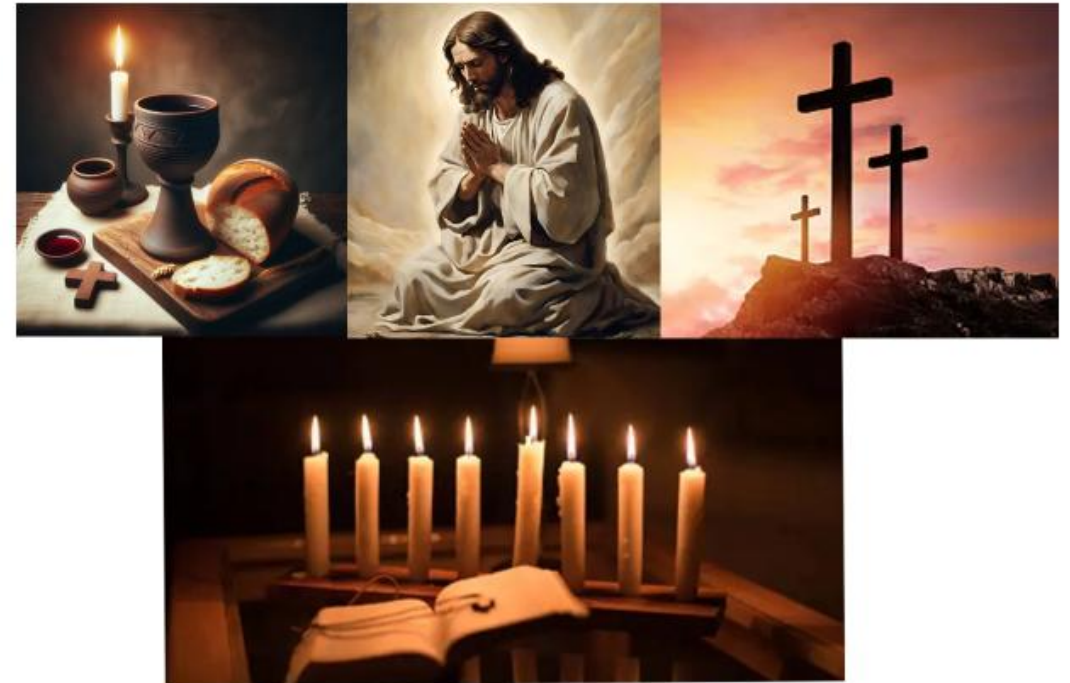
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Seek God's Will ~ Teach God's Love ~ Serve God's World

Friday, April 3, 2026 – 6:30 PM

HOLY COMMUNION / TENEBRAE SERVICE

Reverend Richard H. Moeller, Pastor



*Please stand as you are able.

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Everyone who hungers

LET THEM COME AND EAT

Everyone who thirsts

LET THEM COME AND DRINK

*INVOCATION

Gracious God, you have established with humanity a new and final covenant in Christ. Write its terms on our hearts, that we may respond as did the children of Israel in the days of Moses. In the name of Christ we pray. AMEN.

PROCEDURAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORSHIP LEADER

Why is this night different from all other nights? On all other nights we eat either leaven or unleavened bread. Why on this night do we eat only unleavened bread? On all other nights we eat all kinds of herbs. Why on this night do we eat especially bitter herbs? On all other nights we do not dip herbs in any condiment. Why on this night do we dip them in water and haroses?

PASTOR

The Syrians pursued our fathers who went down to Egypt and sojourned there in a very small number and grew into a nation great and of infinite multitude. The Egyptians afflicted us and persecuted our fathers. But God heard us, and looked down on our afflictions, labors and disasters. God brought us out of Egypt with a strong hand, and an outstretched arm, with great terror, with signs and wonders. Therefore, even if all of us were wise and well versed in the Torah, it would be our duty year to year to tell the story of our deliverance from Egypt. Indeed, to dwell at length on it is accounted praiseworthy.



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*CLOSING PRAYER

Lord Jesus, One of us betrayed you, another denied you, and all of us have forsaken you.
Yet, you remained faithful to death, even death upon the cross.
Strengthen us so we do not turn aside but follow you through sunlight and shadow alike.
For the final victory belongs to You.
AMEN.

*DISMISSAL

Go in peace.
May Jesus Christ, who for our sake became obedient unto death, even death on a cross keep you and strengthen you this night and for ever. Amen.

ALL DEPART IN SILENCE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

God of loving kindness, we confess how many times we have participated in Christ's Holy Meal superficially and half-heartedly, with little sense of either His presence or Your Promise. Forgive us we pray. Fill us with a new and deeper appreciation of the implications of what we do here. Give us true communion, not just with one another, but with you and Christ as well. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen

PSALTER READING Psalm 105:1-11 (UMH Page 828)

INVITATION TO COMMUNE

For you who are weary and heavy-laden; for you who have sinned and bear the weight of its guilt; for you who seek God's love in a new and special way; for you who would turn away from the power of this world and want the power of His Spirit in your life, come now to the table of our Lord.

UPPER ROOM COMMUNION

(follow the directions of the ushers. You will be led to an "Upper Room" where you will observe the Lord's Supper as the early Christians might have. Go as silently as you can.)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

The Lord be with you.

AND ALSO, WITH YOU.

Let us pray.... (in unison)

**We thank you, Holy God, for giving us this meal, shared in the Spirit,
which sustains us with the food and drink of your life;
Grace our lives that we may, at the last, come to share in the heavenly banquet of your kingdom,
Through Jesus Christ our Lord, AMEN**

THE TENEBRAE SERVICE

A highly vivid and dramatic way of showing forth the desolation and abandonment of the long night in Gethsemane is through the stripping of the altar table and removal of all textile hangings and candles. This practice dated from the seventh century, and began for the utilitarian purpose of cleaning and washing the church in preparation for Easter. But the stark, bare church reflects so clearly the fitting tone of the occasion that the stripping became an evocative ceremony in its own right. This is done in silence.

THE PASSION OF OUR LORD

(Seven candles and the Christ Candle are brought into the sanctuary.)

GREETING:

This is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and men loved the darkness rather than light.

GOD IS LIGHT, IN WHOM THERE IS NO DARKNESS AT ALL.

For God sent His Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.

EVERYONE WHO DOES EVIL HATES THE LIGHT, AND DOES NOT COME TO THE LIGHT.

Come, let us worship in truth.

Let us pray:

Most gracious God,

Look with mercy upon your family gathered here, for whom our Lord

Jesus Christ was betrayed,

Given into sinful hands, and suffered death upon the cross;

Strengthen our faith and forgive our betrayals as we enter into His passion;

Through Him who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever. Amen

READING ONE

Katie Hatzis

"Gethsemane"

extinguish candle

MARK 14: 26-42
UMH 371 (v. 1,2)

READING TWO

Michael Hatzis

"Jesus Arrested"

extinguish candle

MARK 14: 43-50
UMH 371 (v. 3,4)

READING THREE

Matt Thomas

"Jesus Before The Sanhedrin"

extinguish candle

MARK 14: 53-72
UMH 292 (v. 1,2)

READING FOUR

Michael Jones

"Jesus Before Pilate"

extinguish candle

MARK 15: 1-5
UMH 286 (v. 1)

READING FIVE

Janet Vest

"Barabbas Or Christ?"

extinguish candle

MARK 15: 6-15
UMH 286 (v. 2)

READING SIX

Kathy Fredeking

"The Soldiers Mock Jesus"

extinguish candle

MARK 15: 16-20
UMH 286 (v. 3)

READING SEVEN

Scott Mayberry

"The Crucifixion"

extinguish candle

MARK 15: 21-32
UMH 530 (v. 1,2)

READING EIGHT

Rev. Richard Moeller

"The Death of Jesus"

remove candle

MARK 15: 33-37
UMH 288 (1,4)

READING NINE

Rev. Richard Moeller

"This Was The Son of God"

MARK 15: 38-39
UMH 298 (all)

THE LORD'S PRAYER
(The Christ Candle is Returned)

A PSALM READING

"PSALM 51:1-17"

UMH 785

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