

**THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF UPPER MONTCLAIR**  
**SERVICE OF TENEBRAE & HOLY COMMUNION**

March 28, 2024  
Maundy Thursday



7:30 p.m.

\*If you are able, please stand.  
Please turn off cell phones.

**WE GATHER AROUND GOD'S WORD**

*"... each evangelist knows a different facet of [Jesus] and presents a different picture. Yet, from beginning to end, the narrative has been consistent, it is the passion of a sovereign king whose love has overcome the world."*

Raymond Brown, *Death of the Messiah*



**Prelude**

Anne Marie Juliano

**Introit**

*Ubi Caritas*

plainsong/Maurice Duruflé

*Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.  
Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor.  
Where there is charity and love, God is there.  
The love of Christ has gathered us as one.*

**Welcome**

Pastor Greg Horn

(Please fill out the Friendship Pad completely and pass it along.)

**\*Call to Worship** (from John 13:33; Mark 14:16)

Jerry Browning

Leader: Jesus said: I give you a new commandment,  
that you love one another."

**All: Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.  
So they went and found everything as he had told them,  
and they prepared the Passover meal. When the hour came,  
he took his place at the table, and the apostles with him.**

**\*Opening Hymn 202** *An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare*  
(verses 1, 2 & 3)

*O Waly Waly*

**THE SHADOW OF BETRAYAL**

**Reading I**

**Luke 22:14-16, 19-23**

Beck Browning

# THE SHADOW OF DESERTION

**Reading II**

**Matthew 26:31-35**

**Solo**

*How Beautiful*  
Denise Silecchia

Twila Paris

*How beautiful the hands that served the wine and the bread and the children of the earth.  
How beautiful the feet that walked the long dusty roads and the hill to the cross.  
How beautiful is the body of Christ.*

# THE SHADOW OF GRIEF

**Reading III**

**Luke 22:39-42, 44-45**

**Matthew 26:40b-46**

# THE SHADOW OF SELF-INTEREST

**Hymn 220** (seated)

*Go to Dark Gethsemane*  
(verses 1 & 2)

*Redhead 76*

**Reading IV**

**Mark 14:43-51**

# THE SHADOW OF DENIAL

**Reading V**

**Matthew 26:57-60b, 69-75**

**\*Hymn 215**

*What Wondrous Love Is This*  
(verses 1 & 2)

American folk hymn

# THE SHADOW OF INJUSTICE

**Reading VI**

**Mark 15:6-15**

**Meditation**

Pastor Greg Horn

# THE SHADOW OF THE CROSS

**Anthem**

*God So Loved the World*  
Chancel Choir

arr. Stainer

*God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son,  
that who so believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.  
For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world;  
But that the world through him might be saved.*

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

### The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

#### Communion Hymn 529 (seated)

*Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether*  
(verses 1 & 3)

*Union Seminary*

#### Invitation to the Table

#### Prayer of Thanksgiving and Consecration

One: The Lord be with you

All: **and also with you.**

Lift up your hearts!

**We lift our hearts to God.**

Let us give thanks and praise to the Lord our God!

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

#### The Lord's Prayer

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.

#### Words of Institution

#### Communion of the People

[At the ushers' direction, worshipers proceed forward *in groups of twelve* to gather around the Lord's Table and share the Communion meal.]

#### Solos

*Ave Verum Corpus*

W. A. Mozart

Karen Merchant

*Hail, true Body, born of the virgin Mary;  
Who has truly suffered, was sacrificed on the cross for all humanity,  
From whose pierced side, flowed water and blood:  
Be for us a foretaste (of heaven) in our final examining. Amen.*

*Surely, He Died On Calvary*

spiritual

Ravon Middlebrooks

#### We Depart in Silence

## GO WITH GOD – TO SERVE GOD'S WORLD

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**WELCOME** to the Presbyterian Church of Upper Montclair and this Maundy Thursday service of Tenebrae & the Lord's Supper. Please fill out the Ritual of Friendship Pad completely, pass it along, and return it to its starting point. May you sense in this place the Presence and love of God in Christ.

**THE NAME ‘MAUNDY’** derives from the Latin word *mandatum*, meaning “commandment,” which refers to Jesus’ commandment to his followers after washing their feet at the Last Supper:

*“I give you a new commandment, that you love one another.  
Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.” (John 13:34)*

**‘TENEBRAE’** is the Latin term for darkness; a form of the Christian tenebrae service can be traced to the 4<sup>th</sup> century. During tonight’s service, we prepare to experience Easter more fully by re-counting the story of our Lord Jesus Christ’s journey from the Last Supper to the cross. As the narrative of God’s love moves forward and Jesus’ crucifixion approaches, the sanctuary lights are progressively extinguished.

**LORD’S SUPPER THIS EVENING** – In the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), the Lord’s Supper is the sign and seal of God’s grace in the Body and Blood of our Savior, Jesus Christ. At the Lord’s Table, we trust that God’s love, rather than our efforts or faith, brings us into Christ’s Presence, nourishes us in hope, and sends us out to share in God’s work in the world. All who come acknowledging their brokenness and seeking reconciliation with God and neighbor are welcome. Because experiencing the mystery of Christ’s real spiritual Presence in Communion is not a gift conferred upon the accomplished, children who are being nurtured and instructed in the significance of the Lord’s Supper at their level of understanding are invited to take their place at the table to receive Communion.



**EASTER WORSHIP CELEBRATIONS** at the Presbyterian Church of Upper Montclair this Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup>, will be at 9:00 and 11:00 am. Coffee Hour will take place between services.

PCUM’s annual Sunday School Easter Egg Hunt and children’s activities between the two Easter morning services will start at 10:20 a.m. on the East lawn (weather permitting). Please email Millie Tourtelot at [millie@pcum.org](mailto:millie@pcum.org) to sign up for the Easter Egg Hunt.



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*Thoughtful, Nourishing Worship* ✠ *Vibrant Ministry to Children & Youth*  
*Relationships* ✠ *Participation* ✠ *Service to Others and to the World* ✠ *Relevance and Authenticity*

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