

The CHURCH *of the* COVENANT

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

MAUNDY THURSDAY
APRIL 18, 2019, 7:30 PM



*“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*

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All the members of the church

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Welcome!

We are thrilled that you have chosen to join us for worship. For more than one hundred years, we have sought to be a welcoming spiritual home, live God's inclusive love, express Christ's compassion, and do justice in the world. As a diverse community, we find unity in our shared identity as Jesus's disciples and in our desire to put God's love into action within and beyond these walls. Whether you are a student, here with a patient in the hospital, visiting from out of town, looking for a church home, or a decades-long member, may you experience God's transformative presence as we worship together!

Melanie Marsh Baum, Associate Pastor

Please sign the red pad in the pews and share your email address so that a pastor can follow up with you. We pray that in this time of worship, through scripture, music, prayer, silence, and ritual, you encounter God in a way that inspires, energizes, or simply comforts you.



THE ANCIENT SERVICE OF TENEBRAE, which dates from the 8th century, commemorates the suffering and death of Christ. It is a dramatic retelling of the Passion story that impresses one with the awful consequences of sin and the magnitude of Jesus's sacrifice. It concludes with the Great Bourdon Bell tolling once for each year of Christ's life. *Tenebrae* is a Latin word meaning darkness. The triangular candle stand is called the hearse. The name is derived, through the French *herse*, from the Latin *herpex*, which means a harrow (consisting of many spikes). The symbolism, which dates back at least as far as the seventh century, varies. The triangle itself is said to be a symbol of the trinity, with the uppermost candle representing Christ, the light of the world, and with the gradual extinguishing of the other candles symbolizing the waning faith and desertion of his disciples.

OUR SERVICE THIS EVENING features music commemorating both the last supper and the passion story of Jesus. To help bring us together as a faith community, the choir and congregation will sing a Maori folk song, *Tutira Mai Nga Iwi*. The composer penned this music as a way to teach his family how New Zealanders have supported one another for ages. Tonight, we hope that the idea of a united faith community will speak to the example of Christ and his disciples. The communion motet *Tantum Ergo*, is a portion of a third-century hymn written for the Feast of Corpus Christi, which commemorates Christ's first institution of this Sacrament during the Last Supper. The Tenebrae portion of the service features *Ah Holy Jesus* by American composer Donald McCullough, and the motet *Vere languores* by the 16th-century Spanish composer Tomás Luis de Victoria. Our service concludes with the simplicity of the African-American spiritual "Were You There." Music and spoken word work together to establish a sense of community, break bread together, and allow us to bear witness to Jesus's final moments with his disciples and his journey to the cross.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

**All who are able are invited to stand.*

THE MCGAFFIN CARILLON

George Leggiero, *Covenant Carillonneur*

PRELUDE

Prelude & Gigue
from Suite No. 3 in C Major

JOHANN SEBASTIAN BACH
MaryGrace Bender, cello

INTROIT

Tutira Mai Nga Iwi

WI HUATA
Chancel Choir & Congregation
Bill Braun, ukulele

*Tutira mai nga iwi
Tatou tatou e.
Whaia te maramatanga
Me te arohae nga iwi!
Kia kotapatahi, Kia Kotahi ra.
Tatou tatou e.*

Line up together, people
All of us, all of us.
Seek after knowledge
And love of others—everybody!
Be really virtuous, And stay united.
All of us, all of us.

* THE CALL TO WORSHIP

The Rev. Melanie Marsh Baum, *Associate Pastor*

One: "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another.

All: Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another."

In worship on this night, we testify to God's love shown perfectly in Christ.

We recommit ourselves to love one another as a community of faith.

O taste and see that the Lord is good!

Come, let us worship the Lord!

* HYMN 84

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

RATHBUN

* CALL TO CONFESSION

Kevin J. Lowry, *Student and Family Ministries*

* CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We confess that so often our discipleship has been weak. When we have failed to serve as Jesus served; forgive us. When we have failed to love one another as Jesus loves us; forgive us. When we have been happy to proclaim our devotion to Jesus with our lips and then denied him by our actions; forgive us. Merciful God, empower us by your Spirit to be steady and true to you in every time of trial, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

* KYRIE

MERBECKE

All are invited to sing.



Lord, have mer-cy up-on us. Christ, have mer-cy up-on us. Lord, have mer-cy up-on us.

* DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

One: Hear the **Good** News! Jesus said "I came not to judge the world, but to reconcile the world" and "having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end." Friends believe the good news:

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

* RESPONSE

My Song Is Love Unknown

LOVE UNKNOWN

All are invited to sing.

Hymn 76, v. 1

**My song is love unknown,
My Savior's love to me,
Love to the loveless shown
That they might lovely be.
O who am I that for my sake
My Lord should take frail flesh, and die?**

FIRST LESSON

PSALM 116:1–2, 12–19

Melanie Marsh Baum

SECOND LESSON

JOHN 13:1–17, 31b–35

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Prelude from Suite No. 1 in G Major

J. S. BACH

MaryGrace Bender, cello

* HYMN 508

For the Bread Which You Have Broken

KINGDOM

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Church of the Covenant observes open communion. All are welcome. The communion wine is unfermented grape juice. Gluten-free bread is in the paper cup.

INVITATION

Melanie Marsh Baum

PRAYER

Kevin J. Lowry

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up 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 . . .with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

SANCTUS

MERBECKE

All are invited to sing.

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Lord God of hosts, Heav'n and earth are
full of Thy glo - ry: Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord Most High. A - men

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

Melanie Marsh Baum

DISTRIBUTION OF THE BREAD

Take the bread whenever appropriate in your meditation.

MOTET

Tantum Ergo

WILLIAM MATHIAS

Chancel Choir

Anna O'Connell, soloist

*Tantum ergo Sacramentum
Veneremur cernu;
Et antiquum documentum
Novo cedat ritui;
Praestet fides supplementum
Sensuum defectui.*

Let us therefore, bowing low,
Venerate so great a Sacrament;
And let the old Law
Give way to the new rite;
Let faith afford assistance
To the deficiency of the senses.

*Genitori, Genitoque
Laus et jubilation
Salus, honor, virtus quoque
Sit et benedictio;
Procedenti ab utroque
Compar sit laudatio.*

To the Begetter and the Begotten
Let there be praise and jubilation,
Salvation and honor,
And power and blessing;
And to the One proceeding from both
Let there be equal praise.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE CUP

*Please hold the cup so that we can take it together.***Person serving:** May the Spirit of God be with you.**Person served:** And with you also.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

THE OFFICE OF TENEBRAE

LESSON I *Matthew 26:20–25* Catherine Jarjisian

LESSON II *Matthew 26:31, 33–35* Jim Tomaszewski

ANTHEM *Ah, Holy Jesus* DONALD McCULLOUGH
Chancel Choir

Ah, holy Jesus, how have you offended,
That mortal judgement has on you descended?
By foes derided, by your own rejected, O most afflicted!

Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon you?
It is my treason, Lord, that has undone you.
'Twas I, Lord Jesus, I it was denied you; I crucified you.

For me, dear Jesus, was your incarnation,
Your mortal sorrow, and your life's oblation;
Your faith of anguish and your bitter passion, for my salvation.

Therefore, dear Jesus, since I cannot pay you,
I do adore you and will ever pray you think on your pity
And your love unswerving, not my deserving.

LESSON III *Matthew 26:36–41* Nick Tomko

LESSON IV *Matthew 26:42–45* Lucy Matz

ANTHEM *Vere Languores* THOMÁS LUIS DE VICTORIA
Chancel Choir
Anna O'Connell, conductor

<i>Vere languores nostros ipse tulit, et dolore nostros ipse portavit; Cujus livore sanati sumus. Dulce lignum, dulces clavos, Dulcia ferens pondera, Quae sola fuisti digna sustinere Regem coelorum et Dominum</i>	Truly He Himself bore our griefs, and He Himself carried our sorrows; by His wounds we are healed. Sweet cross, sweet nails, sweetly bearing the weight, you alone were worthy to bear the King of heaven and the Lord.
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LESSON V *Matthew 26:47–50* Harriet Wadsworth

LESSON VI *Matthew 26:51–52, 55–56; Luke 22:52* Omar Siddiq

ANTHEM

Were You There?

SPIRITUAL
Jelani Watkins, baritone
Chancel Choir
Nanette Canfield, soprano

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble.

Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble.

Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble.

LESSON VII

Luke 22:54–62

Cathy Luck

LESSON VIII

Mark 15:16–27

Will Klein

A rumble from the organ symbolizes the closing of the tomb.

ANTHEM

Were You There?

SPIRITUAL
Chancel Choir
MaryGrace Bender, cello

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble.

TOLLING OF THE BELL

*As the lighting in the sanctuary returns,
the congregation is asked to leave the sanctuary in silence
in preparation for Good Friday and the joy of Easter.*



ABOUT OUR SERVICE

PARTICIPATING IN THE SERVICE OF TENEBRAE and as communion servers are Catherine Jarjisian, Will Klein, Cathy Luck, Lucy Matz, Omar Siddiq, Jim Tomaszewski, Nicholas Tomko, and Harriet Wadsworth. Assisting in serving communion are Ryan Szafraniec, Mary Anne Bromelmeier, and Jennifer Conner. Ken Wendt and Fred Mailey manage audio services, Kevin Lowry is lighting designer, and Patty Fowler serves as Maundy Thursday Coordinator. Thank you to all of our church staff for their assistance.

USHERS THIS EVENING are Martha Goble and Paul Williams. **GREETING IS** Lyn Cooper Tomaszewski.

OUR CELLIST THIS EVENING is MaryGrace Bender. She is pursuing a masters degree at CIM. Thank you for sharing your musical gifts with us tonight.

HEARSE DESIGN: The creator of the hearse you see is Ken Roby of the Village Blacksmith in Chagrin Falls. He and Catherine C. Miller designed this hearse (triangle candle stand) to the exact measurements and candle placements as a rustic wooden hearse used since 1969. Fine Arts and Memorials funds made this possible. Mr. Roby is the metal smith who also crafted the All Saints Columbarium cross. The cross was designed by Mrs. Miller in memory of the Reverend Albert L. Jeandheur, during whose pastorate Covenant began to observe Maundy Thursday with this order of service.



Easter Sunday, April 21

Sunrise Service, 7:30 am, Interfaith Center

Great the Easter morning with worship and celebration.

Breakfast, 8:30 am, Dowd Commons

All are welcome!

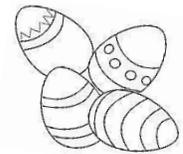
Worship, 10:00 am, Sanctuary

Come celebrate the risen Lord with music for organ and brass.

Dr. Kenneth W. Chalker is preaching.

Children worship with their families.

Easter egg hunt to follow on the lawn.



The Church of the Covenant will be closed Easter Monday, April 22.



THE REVEREND DR. KENNETH W. CHALKER

IS PREACHING ON EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 21, 10 AM

We are pleased to welcome the Reverend Dr. Kenneth Chalker to our pulpit Easter morning. Prior to his retirement in January 2018, Dr. Chalker served as a United Methodist pastor for 43 years; 32 of those years as the Senior Pastor of University Circle United Methodist Church. Dr. Chalker has been active in numerous civic activities and urban ministry as well as with the United Methodist denomination. He is a commentator, author, and the recipient of a number of awards. Dr. Chalker is a graduate of what is now The University of Mount Union, where he serves on the Board of Trustees and received an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters in May of 2018. He earned his masters degree from Duke University and his Doctor of Ministry Degree from Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary. He has been married to the love of his life, Grace, for 47 years. They have two grown children and are the very proud grandparents of four grandchildren. Visit CovenantWeb.org for an extended biography.

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