

# Front Royal United Methodist Church

Maundy Thursday April 2<sup>nd</sup> 2015

Service of Tenebrae & Holy Communion

Tenebrae (Latin for "shadows" or "darkness") is a solemn observance of Jesus' passion and death. Tenebrae services generally occur between Wednesday and Friday of Holy Week. They mark Jesus' journey to Golgotha, and allow for extended meditation through proclamation of the Word in scripture and sermon, as well as in music, increasing darkness, and silent reflection. This evening we gather on the evening of Maundy Thursday to enter into the dramatic narrative of Jesus' betrayal, arrest, and crucifixion, and to reflect on God's wondrous love.

The anthem "Improperia" is a musical setting of the Solemn Reproaches of the Cross, which have their origin in the Good Friday liturgy of the early Latin church. The Reproaches are a set of reproofs addressed by the Crucified Savior to his ungrateful people.

## Prelude

*The congregation is asked to remain silent during the prelude as a time of prayer and meditation.*

**Special Music** *Ich folge dir gleichfalls* Bach  
*Michayla Bacon, flute; Max Bieryla, continuo;*  
*Melissa Chavez, soprano; Collin Finnell, continuo*

## Greeting

**\*Opening Hymn** *What Wondrous Love Is This* UMH #292

## \*Prayer for Illumination

**Almighty Father, as we hear your word tonight, look with mercy on this your family for which our Lord Jesus Christ was content to be betrayed and given up into the hands of sinners and to suffer death upon the cross; who is alive and glorified with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

**\*Gospel Lesson** John 19:28-30

**Anthem** *Improperia* Martin  
*Sanctuary Choir; Max Bieryla, soloist; Collin Finnell, continuo*

**Lesson I** Matthew 26:36  
Jesus' disciples fall asleep in the Garden of Gethsemane  
*First Candle Extinguished*

**Go to Dark Gethsemane** UMH #290 (vs. 1)

**Lesson II** Matthew 26:47-56  
Judas betrays Jesus with a kiss  
*Second Candle Extinguished*

## Silent Confession

**Anthem** *Jesus Walked this Lonesome Valley*  
*Sanctuary Choir; Michayla Bacon, flute; Don Bowman, soloist*

**Lesson III** Matthew 26:57-68  
Jesus before the Sanhedrin  
*Third Candle Extinguished*

**Response** *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* UMH #299 (vs.3)

**Lesson IV** Matthew 26:69-75  
Peter's denial  
*Fourth Candle Extinguished*

**Response** *Ah Holy Jesus How Hast Thou Offended* (insert)  
*Sanctuary Choir & Congregation*

**Lesson V** Matthew 27:15-26  
Jesus before Pilate  
*Fifth Candle Extinguished*

## The Lord's Supper

**Response** *Were You There* UMH #288 (vss. 1 & 2)

**Lesson VI** Matthew 27:27-44  
The soldiers mock Jesus  
*Sixth Candle Extinguished*

**Anthem** *He Never Said a Mumbalin' Word* Traditional  
*Men's Ensemble*

**Lesson VII** Matthew 27:45-50  
The death of Jesus  
*Christ Candle Extinguished*

*Silence will be observed while the bell tolls 33 times to signify each year of Jesus' life*

**Anthem** *And No Bird Sang* Wagner  
*Sanctuary Choir; Ron Thomas, soloist*

**Lesson VIII** Matthew 27:51-54  
Surely, he was the Son of God

**Silence**  
*Depart in Silence*  
*anointing is available at altar rail*



Please join us in the following Holy Week opportunities

Good Friday

Community Worship Service noon  
at Front Royal United Methodist Church

Holy Saturday

Easter Egg Hunt 9:00 am  
Easter Vigil Service 5:30 pm

Easter Sunday

Easter Celebration Worship  
Sunrise 6:30 am at MMH @ Happy Creek  
Contemporary 8:30 am  
Easter Celebration Fellowship 9:30 am  
Traditional 11:00 am