First Presbyterian Church
Thursday April 9, 2020 - 7 p.m. - Livestream
Maundy Thursday/Tenebrae Service

Prelude

Greetings

Call to Worship

Prayer of the Day

Holy God, source of all love, on the night of his betrayal Jesus gave his disciples a new commandment, to love one another as he loved them. Write this commandment in our hearts; give us the will to serve others as he was the servant of all, who gave his life and died for us, yet is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Hymn

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Eternal God, whose covenant with us is never broken, we confess that we fail to fulfill your will. Though you have bound yourself to us, we will not bind ourselves to you. In Jesus Christ you serve us freely, but we refuse your love and withhold ourselves from others. We do not love you fully or love one another as you command. In your mercy, forgive and cleanse us. Lead us once again to your table and unite us to Christ, who is the bread of life and the vine from which we grow in grace. Amen.

Silence

Choral Response

Assurance of Pardon

Hymn

Scripture

Homily

Humility, Humiliation, and the Cross

Anthem #1

Cross Cry

Terry McManis, baritone

I think I heard him say, when he was struggling up the hill, “Take my mother home.”
I think I heard him say when they were raffling off his clothes, “Take my mother home. Then I’ll die easy.”
I think I heard him say when they were lifting up the cross, “Take my mother home.”
I think I heard him cry when they were nailing in the nails, “Take my mother home. I’ll die this death on Calvary, won’t have to die no more. I’ll die so easy, take my mother home.”
I think I heard him say when he was giving up the Ghost, “Take my mother home.”

Pastoral Prayer and Lord’s Prayer
Tenebrae Readings

1st Reading  Matthew 26:30-46  1st Candle Extinguished
2nd Reading  Matthew 26:47-56  2nd Candle Extinguished
3rd Reading  Matthew 26:57-75  3rd Candle Extinguished
4th Reading  Matthew 27:1-5  4th Candle Extinguished
5th Reading  Matthew 27:6-23  5th Candle Extinguished
6th Reading  Matthew 27:24-31  6th Candle Extinguished
7th Reading  Matthew 27:32-44  7th Candle Extinguished
8th Reading  Matthew 27:45-50  Christ Candle Extinguished

Anthem #2  

*Thy Will Be Done*  
Craig Courtney

*Our cup was filled with darkness. Our cup was filled with death.*

*Christ took our cup and drank it, and gave us life, and gave us hope, gave us Himself.*

Chorus: *My father, let this cup pass from me; yet not my will, O Lord, but thine be done.*

*In blackest night we hear Him in dark Gethsemane.*

*Pleading with the Father for one more way, for one more hope, for one more day. Chorus.*

*Then they took our Savior, and led Him to a tree; and there they broke His body,*

*Poured out His life, put Him to death to rise again! Chorus.*

*Thy will be done.*

9th Reading  Matthew 27:51-54

Christ Candle Removed

Depart in Silence

Worship Leaders

Pastor  Brent Johnston

Director of Music  Steve Bixler

Organist  Mark Sweeney