

GREETING (While Tenebrae Candles are Lit) Responsively

God is light, in whom there is no darkness at all.

Jesus Christ is the light of the world.

And this is the judgment,

that the light has come into the world,
and we loved darkness rather than light.

READING ONE John 18:1-14 Bruce Sater
READING TWO John 18:15-27 Lessie Fisher

HYMN 298 "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" (all stanzas)

READING THREE John 18:28-40 Mike Morrison
READING FOUR John 19:1-11 Jan Sanford

HYMN 292 "What Wondrous Love is This?" (st. 1, 2)

READING FIVE John 19:12-22 Rick David
READING SIX John 19:23-30 Grace Phelps

SPECIAL MUSIC

STRIPPING OF ALTAR

The stripping of the altar signifies the solemnity of the evening as we remember the passion and death of Christ Jesus. All elements of celebration such as banners, colors, gold, or brass are removed from the sanctuary. Altar is draped in black.

DARKENING OF THE SANCTUARY

READING SEVEN John 19:31-42 Tim Carpenter

TOLLING OF THE NINE HOURS

(remembering the ninth hour in which Jesus died)

PLEASE DEPART IN SILENCE



Order of Worship
for April 16, 2014

A Service of
Communion and Tenebrae

First United Methodist Church
145 W. Church Ave., Covington, TN 38019
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(* Denotes to please stand as you are able)

PRELUDE "Meditation on the Cross of Christ" (*Phillips*)
Justin Hanson, Organ
Bonnie Wright, Piano

*GREETING Hebrews 12:1b-2 Grace Phelps

Let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us,
looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith,
who for the sake of the joy that was set before him
endured the cross, disregarding its shame,
and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

*OPENING PRAYER In Unison

**O God, by the example of your Son,
our Savior, Jesus Christ,
You taught us the greatness of true humility,
and call us to watch with him in his passion.
Give us grace to serve one another in all lowliness,
and to enter into the fellowship of his suffering.
In his name and for his sake. Amen.**

*HYMN 297 "Beneath the Cross of Jesus" (all stanzas)

ENTRANCE OF LIGHT AND CROSS

PSALTER Psalm 116:1-2,12-13

I love the LORD, because he has heard
my voice and my supplications.

**Because he inclined his ear to me,
therefore I will call on him as long as I live.**

What shall I return to the LORD
for all his bounty to me?

**I will lift up the cup of salvation
and call on the name of the LORD**

EPISTLE 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 Grace Phelps

SPECIAL MUSIC "Song of Humility"
(*arr. Martin*)
Soloist, Cherri Freeman

*GOSPEL *John 13:1-17 Tim Carpenter

SERMON

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

CONFESSION AND PARDON 12

PASSING THE PEACE

GREAT THANKSGIVING

THE LORD'S PRAYER

GIVING AND RECEIVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

*HYMN 294 "Alas, and Did My Savior Bleed" (All Stanzas)

SERVICE OF TENEBRAE

The service of Tenebrae, from a Latin word meaning darkness, is based on a twelfth-century late night service. It is an extended meditation on the passion of Christ. The readings come to us from John 18:1-19:42. The seven candles used in the service remind us of the seven days from Palm Sunday to Easter. The candles are extinguished to remind us of the light leaving the world at the death of Christ.

LIGHTING OF TENEBRAE CANDLES Acolytes