

Tenebrae

Tenebrae is from
the Latin word
for darkness.

S E R V I C E with Holy Communion

In the Tenebrae Service, the candles represent Christ and the 12 disciples. Following Holy Communion, the candles are extinguished as the Gospel accounts of betrayal, desertion, denial, crucifixion and death of our Lord are read. The Christ candle is carried from the sanctuary, and a bell tolls 33 times to mark the end of Jesus' 33 years of life on Earth.



April 1, 2021 7:30 pm

Mt. Lebanon United Methodist Church

OPEN HEARTS. OPEN MINDS. OPEN DOORS.

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The Lord's Supper

Invitation

Words of Institution

Silent Communion

Hymnal #298

When I survey the Wondrous Cross (standing)

HAMBURG

The Service of Tenebrae

The Darkness of Betrayal

Matthew 26:17-25

The Darkness of Spiritual Agony

Matthew 26:36-46

Anthem

Three Holy Days

Trad., arr. M. Burkhardt

The Darkness of Desertion

Matthew 26:47-56

The Darkness of Denial

Matthew 26:69-75

Anthem

The Reproaches

G.P. Palestrina

The Darkness of Injustice

Luke 23:13-25

The Darkness of the Cross

John 19:17-22

Handbell Anthem

"Were you there?"

Dale Wood

The Darkness of Death

Matthew 27:45-54

The Light of the World

John 1:1-5

Benediction

The flowers in the Chancel are given by Sara Mercer in loving memory of her sister, Ellen Mercer.

The flowers on the altar are given in loving memory of Mac McAninch by his family.

The choral music in this service is provided by singers of the MLUMC Compline Choir, including Timothy Williams, Bethany Mingle, Sarah Boice, Ryan Keeling, Kirby Dilworth, and J. Patrick McGill. The handbell ringers include Linda Minnotte, Deb Artim, Linda Boice, Sarah Boice, Bobbie Calhoun, Betsy Rayner, and John Esaias.

Acolytes Jacob Lowe and Xavier Sanchez

Good Friday, April 2

Individual and Family Communion Appointments 30-minute private appointments are available to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion in a safe, hygienic, and physically-distanced manner. Appointments will begin on the hour, and on the half-hour. Please contact the church office to schedule a time that is convenient for the members in your household. Each appointment will include a brief organ prelude, a prayer of thanksgiving, the receiving of bread and cup, and an organ postlude. If it has been a while since you have felt comfortable to come to the Lord's Table, now could be the perfect opportunity!

Holy Saturday, April 3

6:30 pm Outdoor Easter Vigil in upper parking lot.

The traditional Easter Vigil is by far the oldest of all services of worship in the Christian tradition, having been held since the earliest days of our faith. Since the beginning, the service has always begun outdoors, with the lighting of a fire from whose flames the Paschal or Christ Candle is lit.

Traditionally, the vigil would last through the night. We won't go that far! Our abbreviated vigil will be 45 minutes or less in length, rain or shine. In case of rain, the service will be moved indoors, so make your plans accordingly.

Easter Sunday, April 4

7 a.m. Outdoor Sunrise Service in the upper parking lot. As Easter morning moves from darkness into light, we will hope to sense the emotions of the women who first heard news of the resurrection. Our theme will be "Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!" This service will be 30 minutes or less in length, rain or shine. In case of rain, the service will be moved indoors, so make your plans accordingly. Please park in our lower lot, or in Laughlin's lot, and plan to join us.

8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary

9:30 a.m. The Gathering in Asbury Center

10:45 a.m. Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary