

* HYMN # 97

“Go to Dark Gethsemane” (verses 1-3)

Redhead 76

*** STRIPPING OF THE CHURCH**

(The stripping of the church is a custom dating back to medieval times. In the removal of vestments, candles, and other expressions of light and color we symbolically reflect the desolation and abandonment of the long night in Gethsemane. Darkness then covers the font, lectern, pulpit, and table. The church remains bare and dark until Easter.)

At the conclusion of the stripping of the church, the congregation will whisper the Lord’s Prayer. Then, the pastor will leave the sanctuary and all will depart in silence. This service will continue with the Worship of God on Easter morning.

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.**

Tonight, and on Easter morning, we will take up the “One Great Hour of Sharing” special offering. This offering is used by the Presbyterian Church to “Serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received” (I Peter 4:10b NRSV) in very tangible ways. In countless expressions, Presbyterians have demonstrated the love of God to some of the most wounded people in the world. Hope is what we bring to bear!

PLEASE JOIN US FOR HOLY WEEK SERVICES

March 30 - 6:00 pm - GOOD FRIDAY VESPER SERVICE

April 1 - 6:45 am - EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE at the Governor’s Garden

April 1 - 7:30 am - EASTER BREAKFAST in Knox Hall

April 1 - 8:30 & 10:45 am & 5:00 pm - EASTER SERVICES

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE in the Governor’s Gardens at 6:45 am. In case of rain, we will move to First Presbyterian Church, in the Chapel. Pastor Dave will preach on **“The Stone”** as we reflect on the power of God which moved the stone, brought Jesus from death to life and gives us hope and faith for our resurrection to eternal life.



The Last Supper Installation - Erarta Museum of Contemporary Art

Maundy Thursday
Celebration of the Lord’s Supper &
Tenebrae Service of Darkness

March 29, 2018

First Presbyterian Church
Jefferson City, MO

The Worship of God for Maundy Thursday And Tenebrae—A Service of Darkness

7:00 pm, March 29, 2018
Assemble in God's Name

Prelude

Blessed Jesus
Jimmy Kay Sanders, organist

Helmut Walcha

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: This is a day to remember.

People: We remember the Passover meal that Jesus shared with his disciples.

Leader: We remember the new covenant of bread and cup.

People: We remember his night alone in the garden in prayer.

Leader: We remember his arrest, his trial, his suffering, the denial of his friends.

**People: We remember this day and thank God for Jesus' presence
with us then and with us now.**

* PRAYER OF ADORATION

* HYMN OF PRAISE #98 *“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”*

Passion Chorale

* CALL TO CONFESSION

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND CONFESSION IN SILENCE

**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 have not bound ourselves to you. We do not love you with our whole heart and
soul and mind and we struggle to love our neighbor as ourselves.
In your mercy, forgive and cleanse us. Lead us once again to the table, and unite us
with Christ and each other in your Spirit. (Silence)**

* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

People: Alleluia and Amen.

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Psalms 116:1, 2, 12-19

ANTHEM

“O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High”
Chancel Choir, Dr. Natasia Sexton, Director

Lloyd Larson

GOSPEL John 13:1-17, 31-35

MEDITATION FOR MAUNDY THURSDAY

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(The Apostles' Creed)

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ
his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the
right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick
and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of
saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

* HYMN #520

“Here, O Our Lord, We See You Face to Face”

Horatius Bonar

IN GRATITUDE WE OFFER OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Offertory

Blessed Are the Faithful

Johannes Brahms

*Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Offertory Prayer

THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S SUPPER

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**God of grace, your son Jesus Christ left us this holy meal of bread and
wine in which we share his body and blood. May we who have celebrated this sign of his
great love, show in our lives the fruits of his redemption; through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

THE PASSION OF OUR LORD ACCORDING TO JOHN

Jesus Predicts Pete's Denial

John 13:36-38

Betrayal and Arrest

John 18:1-14

Peter's Denial of Jesus

John 18:15-17

Jesus Brought Before Pilate

John 18:28 - 19:16

Jesus is Crucified

John 19:17-30