

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

(All are invited forward to partake. Gluten-free is available.
Please deposit cup in basket before returning to your seat.)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*HYMN #97

"Go to Dark Gethsemane"

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

TENEBRAE SERVICE OF SHADOWS

- Matthew 26:31-75
- Matthew 27:1-37
- Isaiah 53:1-12
- Matthew 27:38-46
- Psalm 22:1-30
- Matthew 27:47-54

READERS:

Rev. Tyler Bayless, Mrs. Susan Franke,
Roger Lewis & Tom Wilson

*HYMN #102

"Were You There?"

STRIPPING OF THE CHURCH

(Please depart in silence at the conclusion of the hymn.)

A NOTE ABOUT THE STRIPPING OF THE CHURCH:

"In silence and in shadows, communion vessels, table cloths, pulpit and lectern hangings, banners, candles, and all other decorative and liturgical objects are sensitively removed, thus dramatizing the desolation, abandonment, and darkness of the passion and death of our Lord. The sanctuary remains bare until the beginning of the Easter celebration. Ordinarily there is neither a blessing nor a postlude at the conclusion of the service. The church remains in semi-darkness, and all worshipers exit in silence. Symbolically, Christ, stripped of his power and glory, is now in the hands of his captors."

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**Maundy
Thursday**

March 29, 2018

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Rev. Tyler J. Bayless, Pastor

First Presbyterian Church- Toronto, Ohio
March 29, 2018 **Seven O'clock**
Maundy Thursday

(* - please stand in body or spirit)

As the Maundy Thursday liturgy is part of one event that spans three days there is no blessing in this service; rather, it ends in a way that is intentionally unresolved, indicating that there is more to come. Accordingly, depart in silence at the conclusion of the liturgy.

GATHERING

CALL TO WORSHIP:

One: The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, This shall be a day of remembrance for you.

Many: We will celebrate it as a festival to the Lord throughout all generations.

One: For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you.

Many: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death, until he comes.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

Lord Jesus Christ, as you wash the feet of your disciples make us ready to follow you, loving and serving one another in your name. Amen.

CROWN OF THORNS: Susan Franke & Shirley Clegg

***HYMN #100** "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

One: Lord Jesus Christ, how well you know our hearts,
Many: and still you love us—you have loved us to the end.

One: We have denied you,
Many: and we have denied our calling to serve one another.

One: We have betrayed you,
Many: and we have betrayed your commandment to love one another.

One: Pour out your Spirit of grace upon us.

ALL: Teach us to love and serve you faithfully and to love and serve one another by the example you have set for us; in your holy name we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

One: The Peace of Christ be with you

Many: And Also with you.

***HYMN #92**

"Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

One: Lord in your mercy,

Many: hear our prayer

THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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...joining the song of the universal church and the heavenly choir:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

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According to his commandment:

We remember his death,

We proclaim his resurrection,

we await his coming in glory.

LORD'S PRAYER