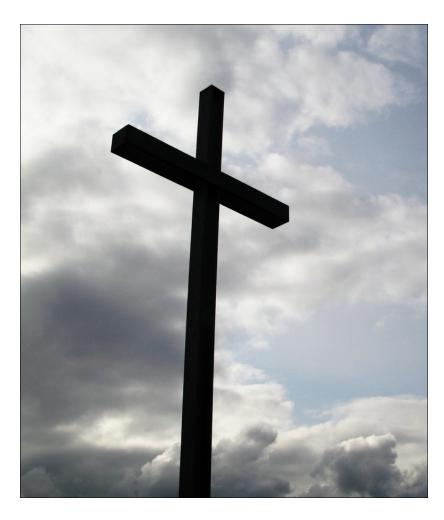


Beckley Fresbyterian Church 203 South Kanawha Street Beckley, West Virginia 25801



April 13, 2017 Maundy Thursday

ASSEMBLE IN PRAISE OF GOD

MAUNDY THURSDAY TENEBRAE SERVICE OF SHADOWS

TENEBRAE MEANS SHADOWS, AND AS WE READ MATTHEW'S ACCOUNT OF THE PASSION OF OUR LORD, WE WILL EXPERIENCE THE GROWING SHADOWS OF SIN AND THIS WORLD'S DARKNESS GATHERING AROUND THE CROSS.

PRELUDE HERZLIEBSTER JESU BWV 1093 J.S. BACH

WELCOME

*HYMN #223 WHEN I SURVEY THE WONDROUS CROSS

PLEASE BE SEATED

CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: WHEN IT WAS EVENING, JESUS TOOK HIS PLACE

WITH HIS DISCIPLES, AND WHILE THEY WERE

EATING, HE SAID, "TRULY I TELL YOU,

ONE OF YOU WILL BETRAY ME."

PEOPLE: "WHO? WHO WILL BETRAY YOU?"

THEY ALL WONDERED. SURELY NOT ME.

TELL US WHO, JESUS.

LEADER: "THE ONE WHO DIPS HIS HAND INTO

THE DISH WITH ME."

PEOPLE: "BUT THAT'S ALL OF US.

WE'VE ALL SHARED THIS COMMON MEAL."

GOD'S WORD AND SACRAMENT

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

THE LORD'S SUPPER

THE LORD BE WITH YOU

AND ALSO WITH YOU.

LIFT UP YOUR HEARTS.

WE LIFT THEM TO THE LORD.

LET US GIVE THANKS UNTO THE LORD.

IT IS RIGHT TO GIVE GOD THANKS AND PRAISE.

THANK YOU. O LORD.

THAT WITH THE SWEEP OF CREATION YOU HAVE REVEALED THE BEAUTY OF YOUR BLESSING TO THE WHOLE UNIVERSE. THOUGH THE UGLINESS OF OUR SIN HAS MARRED CREATION, KILLED INNOCENTS,

AND CAUSED SLAVERY,

YOU MAKE AND KEEP COVENANT WITH YOUR PEOPLE, LEADING US FROM BONDAGE TO FREEDOM AND SEND US PROPHETS TO CALL US BACK TO YOUR WAYS OF JUSTICE AND PEACE FOR ALL.

MAY YOU BE PRAISED, O LORD OUR GOD, RULER OF THE UNIVERSE. YOU FEED THE WORLD WITH GOODNESS, MERCY, AND GRACE.

BLESSED ARE YOU, O GOD, FOR OUR BELOVED BROTHER JESUS WHO CAME TO SHOW US THE WAY, THE TRUTH, AND THE LIFE SO THAT WE MIGHT SHARE IN YOUR BLESSING AND LIVE IN YOUR ABUNDANCE FOREVER AND EVER.

WHEN WE WERE HUNGRY, WITHOUT FOOD, HE HEALED US.

WHEN IGNORANT, HE TAUGHT US.

WHEN WE WERE SICK, HE TOUCHED US WITH HEALING.

WHEN ENSLAVED TO DEMONS, HE FREED US.

HE EMBODIED YOUR SOVEREIGN RULE ALL THE WAY TO CERTAIN DEATH BY EMPIRE.

YET HE DID NOT BACK DOWN.

SEND FORTH YOUR HOLY SPIRIT NOW, WE PRAY, THAT, AS WE READ THE ANCIENT STORY, WE MAY HEAR YOU SPEAK AMONG ALL THE SCREAMS AND SILENCES OF THE CROSS.

KEEP US ALL ONE,

EVEN AS YOU PRAYED WE WOULD ALL BE ONE, AND FILL US WITH THE STRENGTH TO ABIDE WITH YOU AND MINISTER UNTO YOU EVEN IN THE TORTUROUS CHAOS OF A CRUCIFYING

THIS WE ASK IN CHRIST, THROUGH CHRIST, WITH CHRIST TO WHOM BE ALL HONOR AND GLORY AND DOMINION NOW AND FOREVERMORE.

AMEN.

COMMUNION BY INTINCTION

AS IN THAT UPPER ROOM CARL HAYWOOD

ORGAN VOLUNTARY HERZLIEBSTER JESU CHARLES CALAHAN

READING MATTHEW 26:31-35

SILENT REFLECTION

READING MATTHEW 26:36-46

SILENT REFLECTION

READING MATTHEW 26:47-56

HYMNAL #218 AH! HOLY JESUS CHOIR VERSE 1

MATTHEW 26:57-68 READING SILENT REFLECTION MATTHEW 26:69-75 READING WHO WAS THE GUILTY? CHOIR VERSE 2 HYMNAL #218 MATTHEW 27:1-2 READING SILENT REFLECTION READING MATTHEW 27:3-10 SILENT REFLECTION MATTHEW 27:11-14 READING HYMNAL #218 LO. THE GOOD SHEPHERD VERSE 3 CONGREGATION (SEATED) READING MATTHEW 27:15-26 SILENT REFLECTION READING MATTHEW 27:27-31 HYMNAL #218 FOR ME. KIND JESUS VERSE 4 CONGREGATION (SEATED) MATTHEW 27:32-37 READING SILENT REFLECTION

READING MATTHEW 27:38-46

HYMNAL #218 THEREFORE. KIND JESUS CHOIR VERSE 5

MATTHEW 27:47-50 READING

SILENT REFLECTION

READING MATTHEW 27:51-54

ALL SINGING VERSE 1 HYMNAL #228 WERE YOU THERE

STRIPPING OF THE CHANCEL

DEPARTURE IN SILENCE

STRIPPING OF THE CHURCH

The final act of the service is the stripping of the Sanctuary. This is done in silence. The stark, bare, unadorned church now reflects Jesus' abandonment during the night in Gethsemane. When the pastor departs, you are asked to dismiss from the Sanctuary in silence.

> Thank you to our lay reader Bill Hartling to Al & Ellen Combs who prepared our communion elements; and to our Nursery Assistant Ann Worley.