

Maundy Thursday 2023

April 6, 2022

6:00 pm Worship

Prelude "Ah, Holy Jesus" Helmut Walcha

Welcome and Opening Words Allison Maus

Call to Worship John Porter

Leader: We gather together around table with friends

People: We gather to receive the bread of life and cup of salvation

Leader: We are called to remember and hold a new commandment

People: We commit to "Love one another"

Leader: We gather before our God of grace and steadfast love

People: Bring us to this feast with open hearts!

Hymn No. 202 "An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare"

Prayer for Inspiration Reed Dressler

Scripture Reading John 13:1-17, 31-35

Invitation to Reflect

Anthem "When You Prayed Beneath the Trees" Lloyd Larson

Communion

Invitation

Instructions

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Breaking of Bread

Sharing of Bread

Hymn No. 527 during communion "Eat This Bread"

Choir will be invited first to take the bread so that they can lead the congregation in song downstairs to the Social Hall.

Gather around Table

Prayer for our Continued Meal Allison Maus

Sharing of the Meal



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Sharing of the Cup

John Porter

Prayer

Allison Maus

Hymn No. 306

“Blest Be the Tie that Binds”

Benediction

John Porter

Good Friday Tenebrae Service - Friday, April 7 at 7:30 pm

The Service of Tenebrae follows a tradition of the church dating back to the eighth century. From latin “Tenebrae” means “darkness”. During the service candles are extinguished sequentially representing the failing fellowship of Jesus friends as the time of his crucifixion draws near. These “Solemn Reproaches of the Cross” invite us to confront our own personal withdrawal from fellowship with Christ and failure to remain faithful to God’s indiscriminate and unconditional love. Our good Friday service will utilize this ancient tradition not to convey a message of condemnation but to bring us into an authentic experience of regret, repentance, and longing for the new life that comes through Jesus resurrection.

Easter Sunday Worship - Sunday, April 9

Celebration of the Resurrection

7:00 am at Windswept Farm ~ Our Youth Sunday School group is hosting an Easter Sunrise Service at Windswept Farm. Getting to experience the new beginning of the day as we remember the meaning of Easter is a powerful experience which can lead to awe and insight. We hope you can join us for this experience!

What to Bring: Please bring a folding chair for seating, and we suggest wearing warm clothing and appropriate footwear for walking in wet grass. We will be seated widely in a beautiful field below the gazebo. The walk to the field may be muddy if there has been rain. Please pray for good weather!

How to Get there: From State College, take Fox Hollow Road towards the airport. Prior to reaching the main entrance to the airport, take a left off of Fox Hollow onto S. Fillmore Rd. Go 1.1 miles on Fillmore and you will see the sign on the left for the ReFarm Café at Windswept Farm.

Parking: Parking is limited, but deacons will be in the parking lot to help direct you into the space

9:00 am at SCPC ~ we will worship in the Sanctuary for a celebration of our Risen Lord

10:00 am ~ Exploration Hour with Coffee Hour, Pathways, Oasis and Connect in Room 10