



## **WORSHIPPING AT HOME**

*with UCC Westerly  
during the Covid-19 outbreak*

**April 9, 2020  
Maundy Thursday Tenebrae**

- Create a small worship space in your home anywhere. This will be a different space than what you have been preparing for Sunday mornings. It should be very plain and somber. You will need a Bible and it would be helpful to have the Tenebrae readings marked in advance if you would like to follow along.
- You will also need 5 candles, one of which needs to be taller than the rest and white. You can place these in a circle or in a line with the white one in the center. These should be lit as the service begins.
- Since we will be celebrating the sacrament of Communion together though scattered you will need to have your own Communion elements

ready. We will celebrate this evening by intincture, so you will only need one cup and one piece of bread or cracker. The kind of bread or cracker and juice is your choice!

- At 6:30pm, the time we would usually gather in our sanctuary for this service, settle into your worship space and begin...
- A reminder I will be livestreaming our worship service on Facebook Live. You can still access the service even if you are not on Facebook by going to the homepage of the church website, [www.uccwesterly.org](http://www.uccwesterly.org), and clicking on the Facebook icon.

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**Light your candles as a reminder this is a service of light and shadow.**

**Gathering Music** performed by Doug Brummund

### **Call to Worship**

Jesus said: I am the light of the world. Anyone who follows me  
Will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.  
If I say, "let the darkness cover me, and the light around me turn to night,"  
Darkness is not dark to you, O God. The night is as bright as the day;  
Darkness and light to you are both alike.

### **Opening Song: BENEATH THE CROSS OF JESUS**

1. *Beneath the cross of Jesus I gladly take my stand,  
The shadow of a mighty rock within a weary land'*

*A home within the wilderness, a rest upon the way,  
From the burning of the noontide heat, and the burden of the day.*

- 2. I take, O cross, your shadow for my abiding place;  
I ask no other sunshine than the shining of Christ's face;  
Content to let the world go by, to know no gain or loss,  
My sinful self my only shame, my glory all the cross.*

### **Prayer of Invocation and Confession**

***O God, we know that you call us to be children of the day and not children of the night. You know us so well and you know how much we struggle. Hear us now as we pray and admit that our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear. Set us free from a past we cannot change; open us to a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.***

### **Assurance of Pardon**

One: This is the message we have heard from Christ and proclaim to you: God is light.

All: ***If we walk in the light as Christ is in the light, we have communion with one another and freedom from our sins through Jesus, the light of the world.***

### **The Sacrament of Holy Communion**

Invitation

Hymn **Let Us Break Bread Together**

*Let us break bread together on our knees (2 X)*

*When I fall on my knees, with my face to the setting sun*

*O Lord, have mercy on me.*

Communion Prayers

Consecration of the Bread and the Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving (*unison*)

***We thank you, God, for inviting us to this table where we have known the presence of Christ and have received Christ's gifts. Open us to experience once more just what those gifts required of him. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.***

### **We Turn to God in Prayer**

Pastoral Prayer

Silence

The Lord's Prayer (using the words most comfortable to you)

### **Closing Song: WERE YOU THERE**

- 1. Were you there when they crucified my Lord? (2 X)  
O sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.*

*Were you there when they crucified my Lord?*

1. *Were you there when they nailed him to the tree? (2 X)*  
*O sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.*  
*Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?*

**The Order for Tenebrae**

*The Shadow of Betrayal*

Matthew 26:20-25

*The Shadow of Desertion*

Matthew 26:31-35

EXTINGUISH FIRST CANDLE

*The Agony of the Soul*

Luke 22:39-44

*The Unshared Vigil*

Mark 14:32-41

EXTINGUISH SECOND CANDLE

*“The Hour Is Come”*

John 17:1-6

*“That They May All Be One”*

John 17:15-22

EXTINGUISH THIRD CANDLE

*The Arrest in the Garden*

John 18:1-5

EXTINGUISH FOURTH CANDLE

*The Shadow of the Cross*

Mark 15:16-20

EXTINGUISH WHITE CANDLE

***We depart our worship in silence, in the shadow of the cross.***