



The Church of the Open Hands

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**Welcome to this New Worship Service to address
the Public Gathering Restrictions due to COVID-19**

Any time after 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 9, listen to the weekly podcast of this service with a piece of bread and some juice at the ready as Pastor Eddie leads us in worship:

<https://farmington-pres.org/sermons>

Seeing Again

April 9, 2020

Maundy Thursday

Tenebrae - Service of the Shadows

(Recorded April 2, 2020)

Prayers of Preparation

Eat. Drink. Remember who I am so you can remember who you are and tell others so that all God's people can live in communion . . . in holy communion. Amen.

Ann Weems, Kneeling in Jerusalem

Gathering Music

WELCOME

The service tonight is known as the "Service of the Shadows." It is a series of readings, short meditative songs, and silent reflection and prayers to help us enter more deeply into the meaning of Christ's Last Supper. This is the night of darkness before the world changed. Not only for the disciples, but also for all of us. Allow the text and music to draw you into the action and events that led to the actual crucifixion, to become more aware of the events and actions in your own life, and our relationship with Christ.

Tonight, we will also celebrate, from the comfort of our homes, the Lord's Supper and the ritual of handwashing as a symbol of Christ's foot washing of the disciples. So, make sure you have a piece of bread and cup of juice with you along with a bowl of water and a hand towel.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Matthew 26:17-19

OPENING HYMN #215 *What Wondrous Love Is This (vv. 1-2)*
& LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

THE SHADOW OF BETRAYAL

Matthew 26:20-25

Unison Prayer: O God, help us to consider how we betray others, how we abandon them in their time of need, and think of ourselves first.

Bell Toll

Refrain: *What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul. What wondrous love is this, O my soul! What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss, to bear the heavy cross for my soul, for my soul, to bear the heavy cross for my soul!*

THE SHADOW OF INNER AGONY

Luke 22:39-44

Unison Prayer: O God, help us to awaken to how we fall deaf to the pain and grief that saddens the heart and minds of our neighbor.

Bell Toll

Refrain: *What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul. What wondrous love is this, O my soul! What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss, to bear the heavy cross for my soul, for my soul, to bear the heavy cross for my soul!*

THE SHADOW OF LONELINESS

Matthew 26:40-44

Unison Prayer: O God, help us to consider how we seek to shut-out being close to others when they feel discouraged and lonely.

Bell Toll

Taizé

Could You Not Watch

Hal H. Hopson

THE SHADOW OF DESERTION

Matthew 26:69-75

Unison Prayer: O God, help us to consider how we turnout backs away, hide ourselves and neglect to guard those in need.

Bell Toll

Refrain: *What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul. What wondrous love is this, O my soul! What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss, to bear the heavy cross for my soul, for my soul, to bear the heavy cross for my soul!*

Ritual of Handwashing

As in the traditional of the Seder, we invite you to dip your fingers into the bowl and with the towel dry your hands before receiving Holy Communion to symbolize the humbling of ourselves in service to one another.

Jesus said, "For I have set you an example that you should do as I have done to you." (John 13:15)

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

SONG OF PREPARATION #527 *Eat This Bread*

THE INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you.

Community: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

Community: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: It is right to give thanks and praise. Great is the mystery of our faith.

Community: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

You are invited to break off a piece of and eat the bread and drink the juice from the cup.

The Shadow of Accusation

Matthew 26: 59-68

Unison Prayer: O God, help us to consider how we are cruel to others, how we malign and slander others and blame them for our actions.

Bell Toll

Refrain: *What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul. What wondrous love is this, O my soul! What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss, to bear the heavy cross for my soul, for my soul, to bear the heavy cross for my soul!*

Closing Hymn #215

What Wondrous Love Is This (vv. 3-4)

Christ Candle remains lit

All Depart in Silence

Please join us again on Friday, April 10 at 12 noon for our Good Friday podcast service and also for our Easter Sunday podcast service on Sunday, April 12 at 10:00 a.m. when our podcasts are posted to the website. On Sunday we'll celebrate the Resurrection together and come to a virtual table for Holy Communion. This service will help us find joy in our current situation. Plan to listen together and have a piece of bread and some juice at the ready as Pastor Eddie leads us in worship.

While we are physically distancing ourselves, let this be our way of avoiding spiritual distancing ourselves from our church family and friends. The podcast bulletins often are posted on the website on the day prior.

Also for additional spiritual enrichment, please check daily lectionary readings on our home page or join us for The Wired Word, an adult curriculum via ZOOM meeting on Sundays at 9:00 a.m.:

<https://farmington-pres.org/>

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