

TENEBRAE SERVICE

First Presbyterian Church of San Leandro
April 6, 2023

INTRODUCTION Rev. Anne Swanson

PIANO PRELUDE Toni DiCapua
"What Wondrous Love Is This" ...Lloyd Larson

CALL TO WORSHIP

*OPENING HYMN No. 92
Beneath the Cross of Jesus

*INVOCATION Rev. George Swanson

ANTHEM Chancel Choir
"When You Prayed Beneath the Trees" ...Lloyd Larson
Richard Dinwiddie, director; Mollie Wakeman, accompanist

THE HOURS IN THE UPPER ROOM Lou Pennebaker
Matthew 26:17-29

*COMMUNION HYMN No. 513
Let Us Break Bread Together

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

We here present ourselves to Thee, O Lord, our souls and bodies, to be a holy and living sacrifice unto Thee; humbly beseeching Thee that all who are partakers of this Holy Communion may be filled with Thy grace and Heavenly Benediction. And though we are unworthy to offer unto Thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech Thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits but pardoning our offenses; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

HOLY COMMUNION

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (unison)

Almighty God, we render Thee humble and hearty thanks that Thou hast, of Thine infinite mercy, given us Christ as mediator. And grant, we beseech Thee, O Faithful Lord, that through the operation of Thy Holy Spirit, this commemoration of the Last Supper of Jesus may tend to the daily increase of our faith and of our redeeming fellowship with Jesus Christ our Lord, in whose name we pray. Amen.

*HYMN No. 101
When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

THE OFFICE OF TENEBRAE (The Service of Shadows)

The readers represent the deserting disciples. The candle symbolizing Jesus is never extinguished but is carried from the church. After the people pray the Lord's Prayer, the service is concluded and in the spirit of the hour, people of the congregation leave the church in silence.

The Shadow of Betrayal George Swanson
The Shadow of Desertion Linda Pollard

The Shadow of Slumber Jim Wakeman
The Shadow of the Unshared Vigil Jane Kraut

The Shadow of the Hour Chris Johnson
The Shadow of the Arrest Jeanette Rauscher

The Shadow of the Cross Art Walton
The Shadow of Darkness Anne Swanson

SOLO Richard Jackson
"Were You There When They Crucified My Lord?"

THE LORD'S PRAYER

(The people leave in prayerful silence.)