First Presbyterian Church
Maundy Thursday 2017

Organist: Jan Gruhn – Liturgist: Diane Siewert

Prelude: "O Sacred Head Now Wounded" *Peters*

Welcome

Prayer of Confession
Leader: "… We cry to the Lord."
All: "Lord, hear our prayer."

Hymn # 484   **The Old Rugged Cross**

Scripture One: John 13:21-35, page 1067
Scripture Two: Gethsemane Readings

Sermon: "Dark was the night, cold was the ground"

Hymn #220   **'Tis Midnight; and on Olive's Brow**

The Lord's Supper

Musical Reflection

Hymn #212   **What Wondrous Love is This**

Closing Prayer / Benediction

Postlude: "Christ Lay in Death's Dark Prison"
- *J.S. Bach*

Scripture: Jesus went as usual with his disciples to a place called Gethsemane, the Mount of Olives, and he said to them, "Sit here while I go over there and pray." He took Peter and the two sons of Zebedee along with him, and he began to be sorrowful, deeply distressed, and troubled. Then he said to them, "My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with me."

Going a little farther, he fell with his face to the ground and prayed, "Abba, Father," he said, "everything is possible for you. If it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will."

Then he returned to his disciples and found them sleeping, exhausted from sorrow. "Couldn't you men keep watch with me for one hour?" he asked. "Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak."

He went away a second time and prayed, "My Father, if it is not possible for this cup to be taken away unless I drink it, may your will be done."

When he came back, he again found them sleeping, because their eyes were heavy. They did not know what to say to him. So he left them and went away a third time, and prayed the same thing.

Then he returned to the disciples and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and resting? Look, the hour has come, and the Son of Man is delivered into the hands of sinners. Rise! Let us go! Here comes my betrayer!"