

# Parma Greece United Church of Christ

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*"No matter who you are, no matter where you are in life's journey,  
you are welcome at Parma Greece UCC!"*

## **THE ORDER FOR TENEBRAE THE VIGIL OF DARKNESS**

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### **THOUGHT FOR REFLECTION**

Tenebrae is the Latin term for shadows. As the service progresses the sanctuary will be enveloped in darkness. The extinguishing of the candles is symbolic of the flight of the disciples and calls us to remember the passion of our Lord.

### **Call to Worship**

Liturgist: And this is the judgment that the light has come into the world, and we loved the darkness rather than the light.

**People: God is light, in whom there is no darkness at all.**

Liturgist: For God sent the Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through Him.

**People: Everyone who does evil hates the light and does not come to the light. But all who do what is true come to the light.**

Liturgist: Come, let us worship in spirit and truth.

**\*The Hymn**

**"Beneath the Cross of Jesus"**

**#160**

### **The Collect**

Liturgist: God be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Liturgist: Let us pray.

**All: Gracious God, You give us the sun to illumine the day, and the moon and stars to shine by night. Kindle in us the flame of Your love, that our lives may shed abroad the radiance of Your light, and the world may be full of the splendor of Your glory; through Jesus Christ, the Sun of righteousness. Amen.**

### **Lighting of the Candles**

### **The Call To Confession**

#### **\*The Prayer of Confession-Unison**

**Gracious God, 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, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from the past that we cannot change, open to us the 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.**

### **The Kyrie**

## Words of Assurance and Pardon

Liturgist: Let us live in the full assurance of our faith, with our hearts cleansed of all evil and our bodies washed with living water.

This is the good news of Good Friday:  
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**\*The Hymn**      "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"      #170

## The Tenebrae

The Shadow of Misunderstanding	Mark 14:3-6
The Hymn      "Just as I am Without One Plea"	Vs. 1-2      #319
The Shadow of Betrayal	Matthew 26:20-25
The Hymn      "Ah, Holy Jesus"	Vs. 1-2      #163
The Shadow of Desertion	Matthew 26:31-35
The Hymn      "Tis Midnight"	Vs. 1-2      #178
The Agony of the Soul	Luke 22:39-44
The Hymn      "Tis Midnight"	Vs. 3      #178
The Unshared Vigil	Mark 14:32-41
The Hymn      "Go to Dark Gethsemane"	Vs. 1      #158
Father, The Hour has Come	John 17:1-6
The Hymn      "Savior, Thy Dying Love"	Vs. 1-2      #331
The Arrest at the Gate	John 18:1-5
The Hymn      "Go to Dark Gethsemane"	Vs. 2      #158
The Shadow of the Cross	John 19:1-6, 16-18, 25-27
The Hymn      "Were You There?"	Vs.1-2      # 179
The Shadow of the Tomb	Mark 15:42-46

Solo

“Now All Is Still”

The Promise Abides

**The Prayer Of Our Savior**

**Our Father, Who art in heaven,**

**Hallowed be Thy name.**

**Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done,**

**On earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread.**

**And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.**

**And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory**

**forever. Amen.**

**Depart in Peace—Go in Silence**