

First Christian Church  
Disciples of Christ

Maundy Thursday  
April 5, 2007

Prelude "Were You There" Sanborn

\*Call to Worship

Pastor: God said, "Let there be light:" but we still cling to the darkness.

**People: We want darkness to cover our sins.**

Pastor: God sent His Son into the world not only to shed light upon our sins, but also to pay the price for them.

**People: Let us then turn away from the darkness of sin; and in true repentant humility, let us receive the light of hope in Christ Jesus.**

\*Opening Hymn 197  
"Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

The Call to Confession Pastor Basye

The Prayer of Confession Unison  
Gracious Father, time and again we turn to the shadows of sin, and away from the light of your love. Forgive us Lord. Help us to turn away from the paths of darkness, and cling forever to the salvation. We are in no way worthy, Lord, but trusting in the loving promise of your Son; we pray that as we hear the story of His passion, we may be cleansed by the fire of repentance, and made new creatures through His blood. We pray in the name of our dear Lord, Your Son, who died that we might live. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

*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 sins as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.*

Invitation to Communion Pastor Basye

Time of Communion

*Please come forward down the center aisles, break off a piece of bread, and dip it in the cup, and think of your Lord, Jesus Christ as you partake of the bread. Please then return to your seats by the side aisles.*

Tenebrae Service-A Service of Shadows

Readers: Toni Frandsen, Brenda Dooley, Vyrdel Basye, Pastor Basye

Candles: Jamie Dooley, Austin Frandsen

Piano: Anita Grigsby

*After the final reading, the Christ candle will be taken from the sanctuary signifying Christ's light in the world. Pastor Basye will then read one more short paragraph and pronounce the benediction. Please, then leave the sanctuary in silence and reflect on the meaning of this very powerful service. The sanctuary will be mostly dark at the end of the service. If you are uncomfortable moving in the darkness, stay seated and the lights will come back up shortly.*

*Our offering is free-will and will be donated to the Week of Compassion. If you would like to contribute, please leave your offering in one of the baskets at the exits.*

(\*Congregation will please stand if able)

## IF

If I had lived when Jesus lived  
And walked along with Him,  
When came the day that He must give  
His life for all man's sins...  
could I have looked on Him?

Could I have watched them drive the nails,  
Into His hands and feet;  
Or would I have to run and hide  
Until it was complete?

Could I have looked upon the Cross  
Where Christ, my Lord, was hung?  
Could I have bathed His wounded side  
Or would again I run?

But even now the nails are driven  
Into His hands anew;  
Each time we see His work to do  
And fail to see it through.

Each time we hear a cry for help  
And turn our ears away;  
I wonder if we're not the ones  
That's driving nails today?

So let us start anew this day  
And strive to help each one,  
That Jesus sends along our way  
So when our life on earth is done,  
Our precious Lord can truly say,  
"Come Home my child, Well Done!"



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#### *Our Mission*

*We are an open and welcoming community that God calls and the Holy Spirit empowers to:*

- share the Good News of Jesus Christ with all ages*
- explore and express a growing faith*
- equip believers for ministries which expand the kingdom of God*