

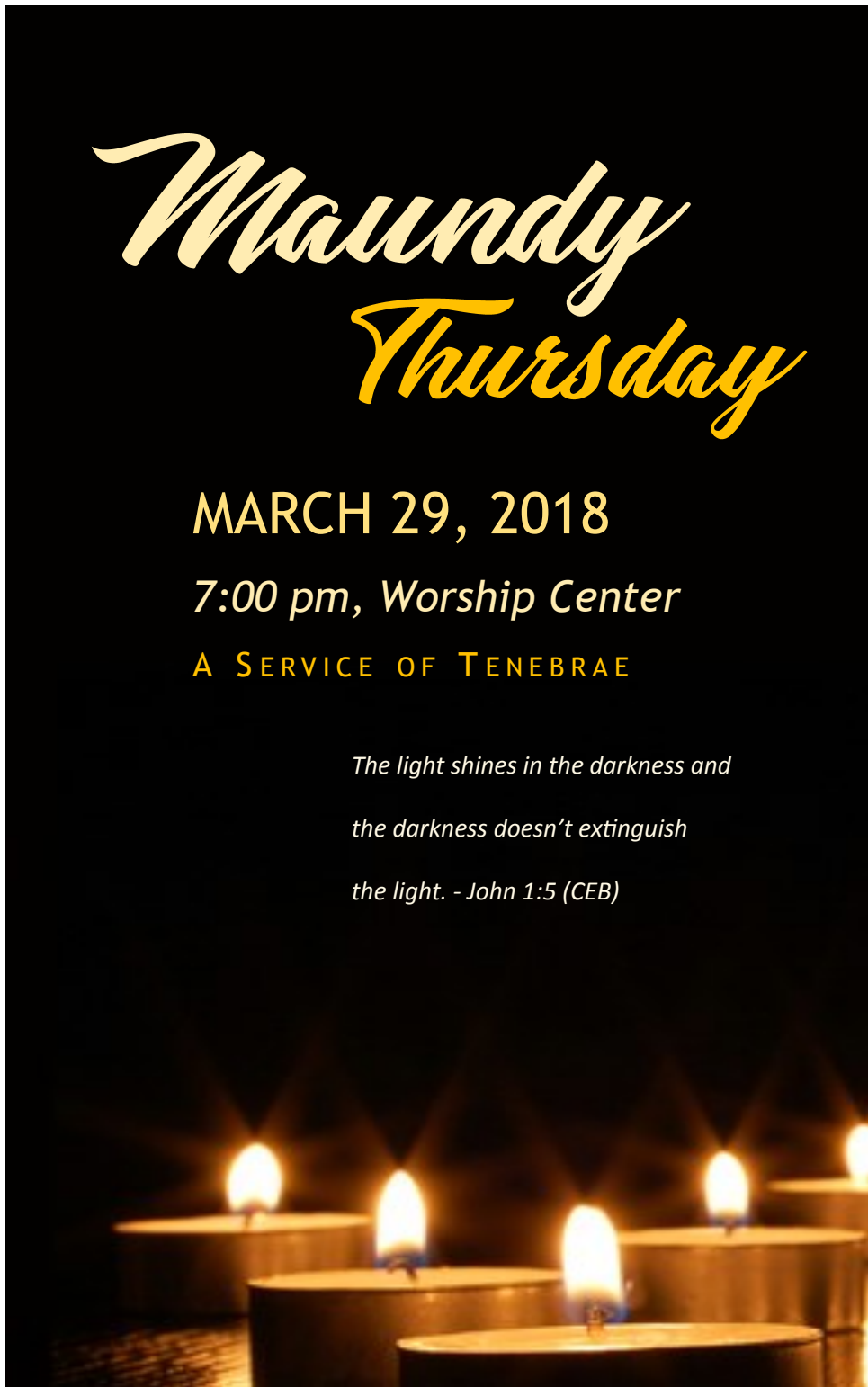
Maundy Thursday

MARCH 29, 2018

7:00 pm, Worship Center

A SERVICE OF TENEBRAE

*The light shines in the darkness and
the darkness doesn't extinguish
the light. - John 1:5 (CEB)*



Gathering

Greeting

Hymn

Come, Sinners to the Gospel Feast
(UMH #616) 5 vs.

Prayers of Confession and Pardon

First Lesson

Exodus 24:3-8
Psalm 116:12-19

Second Lesson

1 Corinthians 10:16-17

Hymn

My Jesus, I Love Thee
(UMH #172) 2 vs.

Prayers of the People

The Peace

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Prayer

The Stripping of the Church

Hymn

What Wondrous Love is This
(UMH #292) 4 vs.

Prayer

The Passion of Our Lord

Hymn

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded
(UMH #286) 3 vs.

Dismissal

On this night Christians commemorate the supper Jesus shared with his disciples before his crucifixion, when Jesus washed the disciples' feet and instituted the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. The ancient practice of stripping the Lord's table and sanctuary following communion is a vivid and dramatic way of showing the desolation and abandonment of the long night in Gethsemane and what followed.

A Service of Tenebrae, or "Darkness" is based on a twelfth-century late night/early morning service and is an extended meditation of the passion of Christ. Fourteen candles, along with a central Christ candle, are lighted; then one is extinguished at the conclusion of each section.

A cymbal crash is used to represent the stone closing over the tomb, and the lit Christ candle returns as a symbol of our hope in the resurrected Christ.

We invite you to leave this worship service in prayerful silence.



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