

# Holy Week and Easter Services 2019

## **Thursday, April 18: Maundy Thursday Service, 7:00 PM @ FPC Ipswich**

What is Maundy Thursday? Maundy Thursday is the Thursday before Easter. "Maundy" is derived from the Latin *mandatum*, "commandment." After he washed the disciples' feet on the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord said to them, "A new commandment (Latin: *novum mandatum*) I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another" (John 13:34–35). The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be administered at the Maundy Thursday service.

## **Friday, April 19: Good Friday Service, 7:00 PM @ FPC Danvers**

This service will be a "Tenebrae" (Latin for "darkness") service. Through Scripture readings, responsive songs and other artistic elements, we will trace the moments from Jesus' betrayal, through his crucifixion, to his burial in the tomb, all through the Gospel according to Matthew. The service is designed to engage our imaginations and our senses as we ponder the cost Jesus incurred as our ransom.

## **Saturday, April 20: Service of Lament, 7:00 PM @ FPC Ipswich**

This service of lament is designed to provide the body of Christ with an opportunity to gather together and acknowledge before God the griefs and sorrows that we bear, whether personal losses or the tragedies and injustice taking place around us. In a culture that quickly passes from grief to celebration, the day between Good Friday and Easter is a fitting time to pause and mourn the deep brokenness we experience in this world, even as we remind ourselves of the promise of hope that we look forward to in the resurrection. Through a series of responsive readings and prayers, scripture readings, congregational singing, and special music, the service is intended to give honest expression to our grief and also minister peace and hope to those in need of healing and restoration.

## **Sunday, April 21: Easter Sunday Services**

- **Easter Sunrise Service: 5:45 am at Pavilion Beach in Ipswich.** This will be a combined service with Immanuel Baptist Church. Breakfast will be held following the service at 6:30 am in the Fellowship Hall at FPC Ipswich.
- **Easter Sunday Services @ FPC Ipswich: 9:00 & 11:15 AM** (Please note there will be no Sunday School. Join us instead for a special time of fellowship).
- **Easter Sunday Service @ FPC Danvers: 10:15 AM** (Please note there will be no Sunday School. Join us instead for a special time of fellowship).