

First United Methodist Church

Welcome to the Maundy Thursday Service of Tenebrae

April 17, 2025 - 7:00 p.m.

A Service of Tenebrae, or Darkness, is based on a 12th century night service and is an extended meditation on the passion of Christ, allowing the Scriptures themselves to be the central message of the evening. It begins with the Sacrament of Holy Communion, picking up the story of Christ's passion from the Last Supper. As each lesson is read, a candle is extinguished. The final act of Tenebrae is the stripping of the altar and silence, to symbolize the stark reality of Christ's sacrifice for love of humankind.

*** You are invited to stand if you are able**

Prelude: "Were You There?"

Traditional Spiritual; arr. Richard Kingsmore

***Call to Worship**

One: As Jesus took bread and broke it, sharing it with friends.

All: So he was broken to feed us with the bread of life.

One: As Jesus took wine and poured it out, grapes crushed and drained to a husk.

All: So he was crushed and drained of life.

One: As Jesus prayed in agony of spirit that the cup of suffering might pass untasted.

All: His sweat fell like drops of blood, yet he endured the pain.

One: As Christ hung upon a tree and was crucified for us, looking with compassion on his murderers in their guilt,

All: So Christ still looks with compassion on us, who are equally accountable for his suffering and death.

One: As Jesus died for us and was buried in the ground, a seed that in death would produce a plentiful harvest of new life.

All: So may we too be willing to die to ourselves and live for others, that all may find true and eternal life through Christ, whom we worship this night.

***Gathering Hymn:** "And Did You Know" (Hymn tune: EVENTIDE – see attached)

- 1) And did you know that on this very night
on which you washed your own disciples' feet,
one whom you called would shun your call to serve,
and scurry through the dark to price your head.
- 2) And did you know that those you trusted most,
who tried your patience and enjoyed your love,
who knew your fondest stories oft by heart,
would soon desert you in the dead of night?
- 3) And did you know that while it was still dark,
your fiercest enemies would rub their hands,
and scoundrels who were game for any bribe
would lie and lie again to seal your fate?

- 4) And did you know when, with your healing hands,
you broke the bread and shared the cup of wine,
and feasted in the face of certain death,
that we in this place may do so again?
- 5) Then, Jesus, on you fearless faith we lean.
Here let us taste the food and drink of heaven,
and in it own the brokenness we cause, and
Through it know that all can be forgiven.

Confession and Pardon:

L: Beloved, Christ shows us his love by becoming a humble servant. Let us draw near to God and confess our sin in the truth of God's Spirit.

P: Most Merciful God, we your Church confess that often our spirit has not been that of Christ. Where we have failed to love one another as he loves us; where we have pledged loyalty to him with our lips and them betrayed, deserted, or denied him, forgive us, we pray; and by your Spirit make us faithful in every time of trial; through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. Amen.

Time of Silent Meditation

L: Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ. But Christ suffered and died for us, was raised from the dead for us, and continues to intercede for us. Believe the Good News: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

ALL: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory be to God! Amen.

Living Our Gratitude

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Offertory: *“Into the Woods My Master Went”*

by Peter C. Lutkin; arr. Sharon Wilson

***The Doxology**

**Praise God throughout these forty days;
Praise Christ, our Lord, whom God did raise;
And praise the Spirit who imparts
God's grace and love to human hearts. Amen.**

*Tune: UMH #95
(old 100th)*

***The Unison Prayer of Thanksgiving:** *(from “Prayers for an Inclusive Church”, <https://re-worship.blogspot.com>.)*

Loving God, as you came in flesh among us, as you taught us truth and wholeness, as you suffered all that humanity feels and faces, so we seek to follow your example. Infuse our hearts with compassion, our spirits with courage, and our minds with determination, that we may use these offerings to walk with you and others through dark and difficult days, by your unending grace. Amen.

Reading #1: The Servant Leader – John 13:1-11

Pastor Brad Terhune

Reading #2: Mandatum Novum (*The New Commandment*) – John 13:12-17, 34-35 *Pastor Amy Terhune*

Reading #3: The Last Supper – Luke 22:14-23

Pastor Brad Terhune

Hymn TFWS #2254: “In Remembrance of Me”

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| 1) In remembrance of me, eat this bread;
In remembrance of me, drink this wine;
In remembrance of me, pray for the time
When God's own will is done. | Bridge: Take, eat, and be comforted;
Drink and remember, too, that
This is my body and precious blood
Shed for you, shed for you. |
| 2) In remembrance of me, heal the sick;
In remembrance of me, feed the poor;
In remembrance of me, open the door
And let your neighbor in, let them in. | 3) In remembrance of me, search for truth;
In remembrance of me, always love;
In remembrance of me, don't look above,
But in your heart look for God.
Do this in remembrance of me. |

The Invitation to Communion – follow as attached from the *UMH, Musical Setting D, pg.23-24*

One: The Lord be with you

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts

All: We lift them up to the Lord

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

One: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere, to give thanks to you, Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth. You formed us in your image, delivered us from captivity, and made covenant to be our sovereign God. You fed us manna in the wilderness and gave grapevines to evidence the promised land. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

All:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might.
Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who

The image shows three staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the hymn. The second staff contains the melody for the second line. The third staff contains the melody for the third line. The lyrics are printed below each staff, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes.



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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One: Holy are you, and blessed is your son, Jesus Christ. When we had turned aside from your way and abused your gifts, you gave us in Christ your crowning gift. Emptying himself, that our joy might be full, he fed the hungry, healed the sick, ate with sinners, washed his disciples' feet, and gave a holy meal as a pledge of his abiding presence.

On this very night, while they were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it, gave it to the disciples and said: "Take; eat; this is my body given for you."

And then he took a cup and after giving thanks, he gave it to them saying: "Drink from it, all of you, for this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for the forgiveness of sins. As often as you do this, remember me. Truly I tell you, I will not drink again of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's Kingdom."

And so, in remembrance of these, your mighty acts in Christ Jesus, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving, as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith:



Christ has died, Christ is ris - en, Christ will come a - gain!

One: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and cup. Make them hold for us the body and blood of Christ; that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood. By your Spirit, make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world; through your son Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray together...

All: 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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass 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.



A - men, a - men, a - men.

***The Sacrament of Holy Communion**

All are welcome to the table of Christ, including children. You do not need to be a member of this congregation to enjoy the grace of the Sacrament. You may come forward via the center aisle, take a piece of bread and dip it into the chalice. Gluten-free wafers are available. Return to your seats via the side aisles. If you are unable to come forward, we are pleased to bring communion to you after the congregation has finished coming forward.

Special Music for Communion: “Near the Cross”

by William Doane; arr. Richard Kingsmore

Reading #4: Disputes and denials – Luke 22:24-27, 31-34

Carla Piazza-Wistehuff

Reading #5: Jesus Prays on the Mount of Olives – Luke 22:39-46

Jane MacQueen

Reading #6: Jesus Is Arrested – Luke 22:47-53

Bill Cowdry

Choral Anthem: “Cup of Sorrow”

by Cindy Berry

Reading #7: Peter Denies Jesus – Luke 22:54-62

Bethany Tomasino

Reading #8: Jesus Before the Sanhedrin – Luke 22:63-71

Evie Kraynak

Hymn UMH #292: “What Wondrous Love Is This”

- 1) What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul.
- 2) What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this, that caused the Lord of life
To lay aside his crown for my soul, for my soul,
To lay aside his crown for my soul.

Reading #9: Jesus Before Pilate and Herod – Luke 23:1-12

Anne Marks-Gaertner

Reading #10: Jesus Sentenced – Luke 23:13-25

Cal Mott

Special Music:

*“The Via Dolorosa”
Bethany Tomasino, Soloist*

by Billy Sprague and Niles Borop

Reading #11: Simon Carries Jesus’ Cross – Luke 23:26-31

Terry Moon

Reading #12: The Crucifixion of Jesus – Luke 23:32-43

Peg Wilken

Hymn UMH #488: “Jesus Remember Me”

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.
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Reading #13: The Death of Jesus – Luke 23:44-49

Pastor Brad Terhune

Reading #14: The Burial of Jesus – Luke 23:50-56

Pastor Amy Terhune

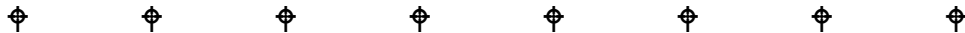
Hymn UMH #290: “*Go To Dark Gethsemane*”

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| <p>1) Go to dark Gethsemane,
Ye that feel the tempter's power;
Your Redeemer's conflict see,
Watch with him one bitter hour.
Turn not from his griefs away;
Learn of Jesus Christ to pray.</p> <p>2) See him at the judgment hall,
Beaten, bound, reviled, arraigned;
O the wormwood and the gall!
O the pangs his soul sustained!
Shun not suffering, shame, or loss;
Learn of Christ to bear the cross.</p> | <p>3) Calvary's mournful mountain climb;
There, adoring at his feet,
Mark that miracle of time,
God's own sacrifice complete.
"It is finished!" hear him cry;
Learn of Jesus Christ to die.</p> <p>4) Early hasten to the tomb
Where they laid his breathless clay;
All is solitude and gloom.
Who has taken him away?
Christ is risen! He meets our eyes;
Savior, teach us so to rise.</p> |
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The Stripping of the Altar

*The final act of Tenebrae is the stripping of the altar and silence,
to symbolize the stark reality of Christ's sacrifice for love of humankind.*

***Depart in Silence**



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HOLY WEEK and UPCOMING EVENTS

Good Friday Worship – Friday, April 18
12:00-12:30pm and 12:30-1:00pm
Come for one service or stay for both!
Sack lunches provided.



Easter Celebration Worship
Sunday, April 20, 2025
Easter Breakfast – 9:00am
Easter Worship – 10:00am

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3. And did you know that while it was still dark
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