

Friday, April 18, 2025 – 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday Tenebrae Worship Service — Please Enter In Silence

The word “tenebrae” comes from the Latin meaning “darkness.” A Tenebrae service is one that uses diminishing light as we remember the events that occurred after Jesus’ triumphant entry into Jerusalem and after he sat at table with his disciples for their last supper together. On Good Friday, we remember the last hours of Jesus’ mortal life, from his betrayal in the garden to his brutal crucifixion and burial in the tomb.

The darkness we create as this service progresses symbolizes the sorrow we feel over Jesus’ death and the hopelessness we would experience in a world without God. As lights are extinguished, we consider the suffering and death of Jesus, and quietly remember the sacrifice he made, entering eternity not as a conquering warlord, but as the Prince of Peace. Our focus tonight is not on the resurrection of Christ, but rather on our response to his humility, humanity, and obedience to God, obedience even to death on the cross.

Tonight’s worship service is adapted from “A Service of Tenebrae” in the United Methodist Book of Worship, which is “based on a twelfth-century late night/early morning service and is an extended meditation on the passion of Christ.”

PRELUDE — Betsy Foushee

CALL TO WORSHIP — Bonnie Clark

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

All: Jesus Christ is the light of the world.

One: And this is the tragedy, this is our sorrow, that the light has come into the world,

All: and we loved darkness more than we loved the light.

HYMN UMH #292 “What Wonderous Love Is This” verses 1 & 2

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 this dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,
To bear this 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 cause the lord of life
To lay aside his crown for my soul, for my soul,
To lay aside his crown for my soul.

UNISON PRAYER — Lin

All: Almighty God, graciously behold this, your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death upon the cross; our Lord Jesus Christ who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, for ever and ever. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC — ??

THE PASSION OF JESUS CHRIST

THE BETRAYAL — JOHN 18:1-11

THE ARREST — JOHN 18:12-14

THE FIRST DENIAL — JOHN 18:15-18

THE INTERROGATION — JOHN 18:19-24

THE SECOND AND THIRD DENIAL — JOHN 18:25-27

THE LAW — JOHN 18:28-32

THE TRIAL — JOHN 18:33-38a

THE CHOICE: BARABBAS — JOHN 18:38b-40

THE CROWN OF THORNS — JOHN 19:1-11

THE VERDICT — JOHN 19:12-16a

THE CRUCIFIXION — JOHN 19:16b-22

THE ROBE — JOHN 19:23-24

THE FAMILY — JOHN 19:25-27

THE LAST WORDS — JOHN 19:28-30

THE DEATH — JOHN 19:31-37

HYMN UMH #298 “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” (vs 1, 3, 4)

1 When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of Glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.

3. See from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down.
Did e’er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?

4. Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were an offering far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

THE BURIAL — JOHN 19:38-42

BENEDICTION — Lin

Please depart in silence.

Prelude/Postlude—Betsy Foushee

Offertory—N/A

Organ — N/A

Special Music — Shelly Anderson & Betsy Foushee

Liturgist — Bonnie Clark

Accomp.—Betsy Foushee

Song Leader— Shelly Anderson

Violin — Rae Ann Norell?

Children’s Message— N/A