

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
A SERVICE OF WORSHIP
For Good Friday
TENEBRAE
March 29, 2024

GATHERING

GREETING

CALL TO WORSHIP

*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;
Who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
One God, for ever and ever.
ALL: Amen.*

***HYMN** "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" UMH #298

OURS WERE THE SORROWS HE CARRIED See Insert

Observe a time of Silent Reflection.

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

The Shadow of the Agony of Spirit

Reading Luke 22:39-46
Response Lord Jesus Christ, wounded and crushed:
You gave your life that we might live.
A candle is extinguished.

***HYMN** "Go to Dark Gethsemane (vs. 1 & 2) UMH 290

The Shadow of Arrest

Reading John 18:1-8
Response Lord Jesus Christ, wounded and crushed:
You gave your life that we might live.
A candle is extinguished.

***Hymn** "What Wondrous Love Is This" (vs. 1 & 2) UMH 292

The Shadow of Denial

Reading Matthew 26:69-75, 27:1-5
Response Lord Jesus Christ, wounded and crushed;
You gave your life that we might live.
A candle is extinguished.

***HYMN** "Ah, Holy Jesus" Pam Rose

The Shadow of Accusation

Reading Mark 15:1-15
Response Lord Jesus Christ, wounded and crushed;
You gave your life that we might live.
A candle is extinguished.

***HYMN** "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" (v. 1) UMH 286

The Shadow of Mockery

Reading Matthew 27:27-31
Response Lord Jesus Christ, wounded and crushed;
You gave your life that we might live.
A candle is extinguished.

***HYMN** "Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed" UMH 294

The Shadow of Crucifixion

Reading Matthew 27:32-44
Response Lord Jesus Christ, wounded and crushed;
You gave your life that we might live.
A candle is extinguished.

*HYMN Were You There (vs. 1 & 2) UMH 288

The Shadow of Death

Reading Luke 23:44-49
Response Lord Jesus Christ, wounded and crushed;
You gave your life that we might live.
A candle is extinguished.

*HYMN Were You There (vs. 3 & 4) UMH 288

CHRIST CANDLE IS REMOVED TO DEPICT THE DEATH OF JESUS

The Shadow of Burial

Reading Mark 15:42-46

*HYMN Were You There (v. 5) UMH 288

Silent meditation

STREPITUS

SENDING FORTH

CHRIST CANDLE IS REPLACED ON THE ALTAR

GOING FORTH
GO FORTH IN SILENCE

There they crucified him,
and with him two others,
one on either side,
with Jesus between them.

John 19.18



TENEBRAE

The service of Tenebrae or "Shadows," grew out of a combination night prayer and early morning prayer with an additional focus on the commemoration of the passion of Christ... The most significant feature of this service is the gradual extinguishing of the lights and candles in the room and on the altar. The bare altar table and unvested furnishings emphasize the starkness of the events recalled. The candles represent the apostles and all followers of Christ, and the larger candle represents Christ. The dramatic high point occurs with the complete darkness and the loud noise, or strepitus, at the death of Jesus.

From Hoyt L. Hickman et al., Handbook of the Christian Year (Nashville: Abingdon Press, 1986). P. 178