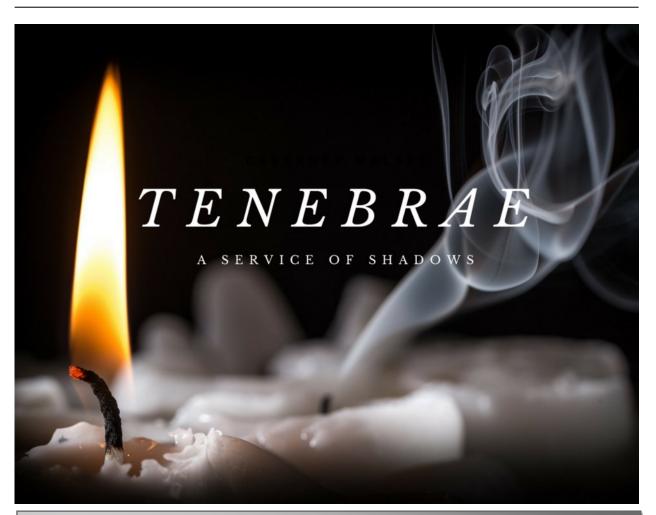


Nolensville First United Methodist Church

Our Mission: a neighborhood church where people experience a life-changing relationship with Jesus in a welcoming church family

Our Vision: loving God and neighbor where we live



Good Friday



Welcome to Good Friday: Tenebrae A Service of Shadows

We are thankful you are worshiping this evening with us! We hope that our service will help to lead you to spiritual growth and affirmation of God's redeeming love for all people.

Please exit at the end of this worship this evening in silence until you are outside the doors.

Welcome! When you enter a Nolensville First UMC worship service or event, you will be entering an area where photography, video, and audio recording may occur. All of our worship services are live-streamed and recorded on our YouTube channel.

Meditation for Tenebrae

This is the day when life is raw, quivering, terrifying:

The day of numbed emotions, the day of blunt nails and splintered wood, of bruised flesh and red blood.

The day we loathe, when hopes are crushed. The day we long for, when pretenses fall away — Because the worst that we can do cannot kill the love of God.

Gracious God, Your love is a light in our darkness, vulnerable, yet unquenchable. We would stand with Christ,

> in the midst of the horrors of this world where betrayal and death constantly threaten Your love and peace.

> > Amen.

Order of Worship

Gathering

Greeting

Hymn

Ah, Holy Jesus (vv. 1-3, 5)

UMH 289

Prayer

Lighting of the Candles of the Called

The Calling of Peter and Andrew

Hymn Lord of the Dance" (v. 1)

UMH 261

The Calling of Matthew (Levi)

Hymn Lord of the Dance" (v. 2)

UMH 261

Calling of Philip and Nathanael

Hymn Lord of the Dance" (v. 3)

UMH 261

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The Temptation in the Garden

Scripture

Matthew 26:31-44

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Stay With Me

Stay With Me

Stay with me, remain here with me,

Watch and pray, watch and pray.

Special Music The Day He Wore My Crown Delana Easley

The Passion of Jesus Christ

First Reading

Judas and Others come to the garden

Extinguishing of First Candle

Go to Dark Gethsemane (v. 1)

Hymn

Hymn

Fourth Reading

Fifth Reading

Sixth Reading

Second Reading

Jesus brought before Annas

Third ReadingSimon Peter outside the Courtyard

Go to Dark Gethsemane (v. 2)

Extinguishing of Second Candle

UMH 290

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The High Priest questions Jesus

Hymn Go to Dark Gethsemane (v. 3) UMH 290

Simon Peter twice denies Jesus

Extinguishing of Third Candle

Jesus taken from Caiaphas to Pilate

Extinguishing of Fourth Candle

Special Music O Scared Head Now Wounded Quartet Seventh Reading Pilate auestions Jesus **Extinguishing of Fifth Candle** Pilate decides to free Jesus **Eighth Reading Extinguishing of Sixth Candle Hymn** Were You There (v. 1) **UMH 288** Pilate has Jesus scourged **Ninth Reading Extinguishing of Seventh Candle Tenth Reading** The Religious Authorities want Jesus crucified **Extinguishing of Eighth Candle** Hymn Were You There (v. 2) **UMH 288 Eleventh Reading** Jesus goes to Golgotha **Extinguishing of Ninth Candle Twelfth Reading** The Soldiers cast lots for his garments

Extinguishing of Tenth Candle

Were You There (v. 3)

Extinguishing of Eleventh Candle

Jesus give his mother to the Beloved Disciple

UMH 288

Hymn

Thirteenth Reading

Fourteenth Reading

Jesus bows his head and gives up his Spirit

Time of Reflection

Special Music

Watch the Lamb

Barbara Belden

Extinguishing of Twelfth Candle

Video Sounds of the Cross

Fifteenth ReadingJesus taken down from the Cross

Extinguishing of the Christ Candle

Silence

Special Music W

What Wondrous Love is This

Quartet

Sixteenth Reading

Joseph and Nicodemus laid Jesus in the tomb

It's Friday but Sunday's coming. ~ Rev. S.M. Lockridge

Going Forth

Go now in the darkening night, O people of God. Though we walk in darkness, we are not forsaken. We are led by the hand of God. May the love of God calm your fears; may the grace of God keep you through the night; may the presence of God sustain you through life. Imagine if the story ended on Friday. Thanks be to God that Sunday is coming. Amen.

Please leave the Sanctuary in silence.

Tonight's Tenebrae readings were taken from John 18:1 –19:42

It's Friday. Jesus is hanging on the cross. The disciples are questiong. What has happened to their king?

But it's only Friday.

And Sunday's Coming.



Please join us for Easter:

Easter Sunday, April 9

6:30 am Sunrise @ The Pavilion 8:30 am Contemporary Worship 11am Classic Worship

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