

**Good Friday Tenebrae Service
Service of Shadows
April 7, 2023
7:30 PM**

PRELUDE

The Love of God

June Shuffett

WORDS OF WELCOME

Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

***CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Pastor: All you who pass this way

People: Look and see, the shadow of sin

Pastor: All you who pass this way

People: Look and see the weight of the world

Pastor: All you who pass this way

People: Look and see, the suffering of our Savior.

Pastor: All you who pass this way

People: Look and see, the sorrow of Jesus Christ

Pastor: Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world.

*** HYMN:**

What Wondrous Love Is This, v.1-3

UMH 292

*** OPENING PRAYER**

Pastor: Let us pray.

**People: God of Light, God of Shadow, in our time together this night,
keep us aware of Your presence in the darkness.**

**As we hear the story of Jesus' passion,
help us to remember not only His sacrifice
but the depth of His love for us.**

**As we feel the darkness,
keep the fire of hope alive in our hearts
as we remember that this is not the end of the story.**

**This we pray in the name of Jesus of Nazareth,
the one who laid down His life for us,
whose death is nigh, AMEN.**

SPECIAL MUSIC

Consider, O My Soul (from St. John Passion) Johann Sebastian Bach

LITANY

Sarah Chambers

Leader: We gather this night in the shadows of the Cross of Christ.

People: We gather to remember the overwhelming evidence of Love's ultimate sacrifice.

Leader: Who would have guessed that the height and depth, the length and width of God's love might look like this: a forsaken savior on a cross?

People: Certainly not us. Not us, who are too often lost amid the world's distractions and responsibilities. Not us, for whom such love was offered without cost.

Leader: Let us gather again in the shadow of the Cross of Christ and commit ourselves to remember the price paid. Let us live our lives in a way that indicates why this Friday is called "Good."

People: Thanks be to God, who opened the gates of heaven, that we might have the faith, hope, and love, witnessed in Christ's sacrifice for our salvation.

THE SHADOWS

THE SHADOW OF BETRAYAL

FIRST READING

Matthew 26:14-16, 20-25

Lisa Dickinson

HYMN OF RESPONSE

Ah, Holy Jesus v.1-2

UMH 289

EXTINGUISHING THE FIRST CANDLE

THE SHADOW OF THE AGONY OF SPIRIT AND ARREST

SECOND READING

Luke 22:39-48

Sarah Chambers

HYMN OF RESPONSE

Go to Dark Gethsemane v. 1-3

UMH 290

EXTINGUISHING THE SECOND CANDLE

THE SHADOW OF DENIAL

THIRD READING

Luke 22:54-62

Lisa Dickinson

SPECIAL MUSIC

Libera Me

Kevin Lackie

EXTINGUISHING THE THIRD CANDLE

THE SHADOW OF ACCUSATION

FOURTH READING Mark 15:1-15 Sarah Chambers

HYMN OF RESPONSE *Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed, v.1 & 2* UMH 359

EXTINGUISHING THE FOURTH CANDLE

THE SHADOW OF HUMILIATION

FIFTH READING Matthew 27:27-31 Lisa Dickinson

HYMN OF RESPONSE *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded* UMH 286

EXTINGUISHING THE FIFTH CANDLE

THE SHADOW OF CRUCIFIXION

SIXTH READING Luke 23:32-43 Sarah Chambers

HYMN OF RESPONSE *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* UMH 298

EXTINGUISHING THE SIXTH CANDLE

THE SHADOW OF DEATH

SEVENTH READING Mark 15:33-39 Lisa Dickinson

EXTINGUISHING THE SEVENTH CANDLE

SILENT MEDITATION

THE SHADOW OF BURIAL

EIGHT READING Matthew 27:57-60 Sarah Chambers

CHRIST CANDLE REMOVED

MUSICAL MEDITATION *Were You There* Kevin Lackie

DEPART IN SILENCE

Go in peace and may the Spirit of Christ, go with you this night and always.