

# *Good Friday*

## Tenebrae Service

April 18, 2025

McFarlin Memorial United Methodist Church



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*\*please stand as you are able*

### Opening and Gathering

#### Gathering - All gather in silence

*This Service of Tenebrae is based on a twelfth-century late night service and is an extended meditation on the passion of Christ. Tenebrae, the Latin word for shadows, uses candles that are incrementally extinguished to symbolize a solemn descent into darkness.*

#### Welcome and Greeting

Rockford Johnson

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

**All: Jesus Christ is the light of the world.**

Pastor: And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world,

**All: and we loved darkness rather than light.**

#### Choral Anthem

*Ubi Caritas - Ola Gjeilo*

*Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.  
Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor.  
Exsulemus, et in ipso jucundemur.  
Timeamus, et amemus Deum vivum.  
Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero.  
Amen.*

*Where charity and love are, God is there.  
Christ's love has gathered us into one.  
Let us rejoice and be pleased in Him.  
Let us fear, and let us love the living God.  
And may we love each other with a sincere heart.  
Amen.*

#### Prayer

Rockford Johnson

### Proclamation and Response

#### Old Testament Scripture Reading

Isaiah 52:13 – 53:12

Rockford Johnson

#### Responsive Psalm

Psalm 22 (1-18, 25-31)

Wendi Neal

Leader: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

**All: Why are you so far from helping me, from the words of my groaning?**

**O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer; and by night but find no rest.**

Yet you are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel.

In you our ancestors trusted; they trusted, and you delivered them.

**To you they cried and were saved; in you they trusted and were not put to shame.**

But I am a worm and not human, scorned by others and despised by the people.

All who see me mock me; they sneer at me; they shake their heads;  
 “Commit your cause to the Lord; let him deliver—let him rescue the one in whom he delights!”  
**Yet it was you who took me from the womb; you kept me safe on my mother’s breast.**  
**On you I was cast from my birth, and since my mother bore me you have been my God.**  
 Do not be far from me, for trouble is near, and there is no one to help.  
 Many bulls encircle me; strong bulls of Bashan surround me;  
 they open wide their mouths at me, like a ravening and roaring lion.  
**I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint; my heart is like wax;**  
**it is melted within my breast; my mouth is dried up like a potsherd,**  
**and my tongue sticks to my jaws; you lay me in the dust of death.**  
 For dogs are all around me; a company of evildoers encircles me;  
 they bound my hands and feet. I can count all my bones.  
**They stare and gloat over me; they divide my clothes among themselves,**  
**and for my clothing they cast lots.**  
 From you comes my praise in the great congregation;  
 my vows I will pay before those who fear him.  
**The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the Lord.**  
 May your hearts live forever!  
**All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord,**  
**and all the families of the nations shall worship before him.**  
**For dominion belongs to the Lord, and he rules over the nations.**  
 To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down;  
 before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, and I shall live for him.  
**Posterity will serve him; future generations will be told about the Lord**  
**and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying that he has done it.**

## New Testament Scripture Reading

Hebrews 10:16 – 25

Trey Witzel

## \*Congregational Hymn # 298

## When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

1. When I sur - vey the won - drous cross  
 2. For - bid it Lord, that I should boast,  
 3. See, from his head, his hands, his feet,  
 4. Were the whole realm of na - ture mine,

on which the Prince of Glo - ry died,  
 save in the death of Christ, my God;  
 sor - row and love flow - ing min - gled down;  
 that were an of - fer - ing far too small;

my rich - est gain I count but loss,  
 all the vain things that charm me most,  
 Did e'er such love and an - gels sor - row meet,  
 love so a - maz - ing, so di - vine,

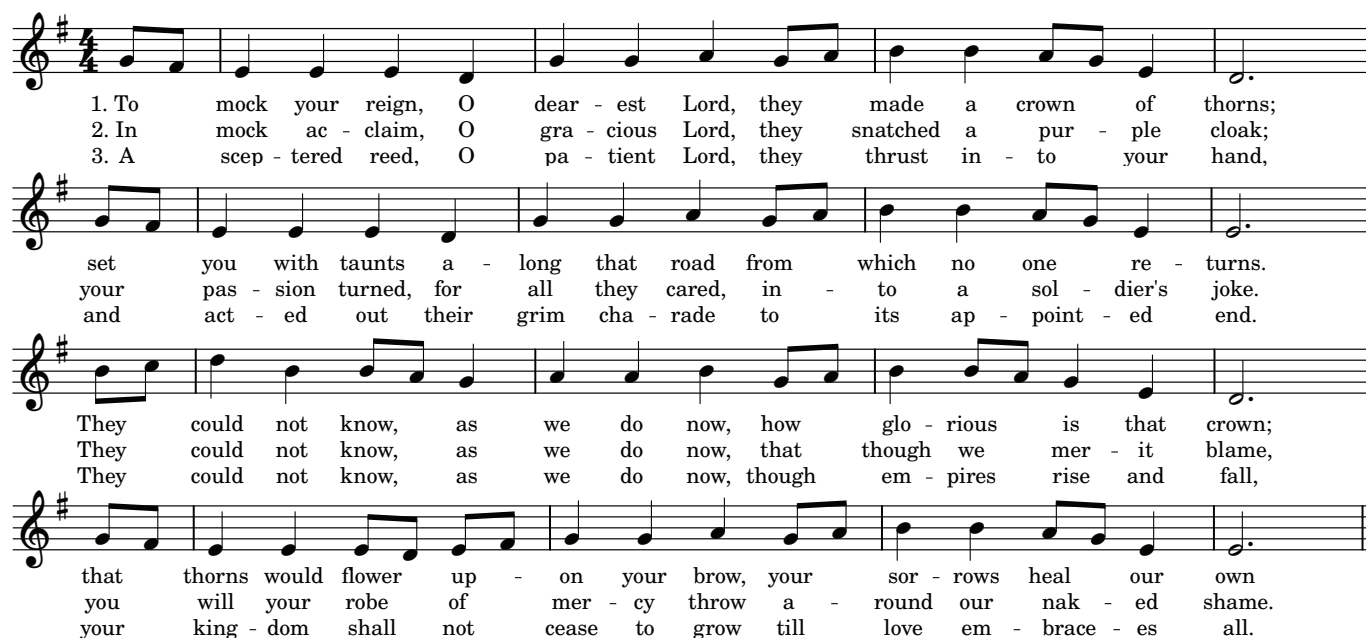
and pour con - tempt on all my pride.  
 I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.  
 or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?  
 de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

## Proclamation of the Passion Story (John 18:1 – 19:42)

*The reading of John's gospel telling of the passion story will be accompanied by artwork depicting what is being read. After each reading, a candle will be extinguished, and a tower chime will ring, signifying the progression of Christ's journey.*

### The Betrayal and Trial of Jesus - John 18:1-38

#### \*Congregational Hymn # 285 To Mock Your Reign, O Dearest Lord



1. To mock your reign, O dear - est Lord, they made a crown of thorns;  
2. In mock ac - claim, O gra - cious Lord, they snatched a pur - ple cloak;  
3. A scep - tered reed, O pa - tient Lord, they thrust in - to your hand,  
set you with taunts a - long that road from which no one re - turns.  
your pas - sion turned, for all they cared, in - to a sol - dier's joke.  
and act - ed out their grim cha - rade to its ap - point - ed end.  
They could not know, as we do now, how glo - rious is that crown;  
They could not know, as we do now, that though we mer - it blame,  
They could not know, as we do now, though em - pires rise and fall,  
that thorns would flower up - on your brow, your sor - rows heal our own  
you will your robe of mer - cy throw a - round our nak - ed shame.  
your king - dom shall not cease to grow till love em - brace - es all.

### Jesus Sentenced to Death - John 18:38-19:16

#### Choral Anthem God So Loved the World – John Stainer

*God so loved the world that He gave his only-begotten Son,  
that whoso believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.  
For God sent not His son into the world to condemn the world;  
but that the world through Him might be saved.*

**\*The Crucifixion of Jesus - John 19:16-30**

*Please stand as the story of the crucifixion is read.*

**\*Congregational Hymn # 288**

**Were You There?**

1. Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?  
2. Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?  
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

*Refrain*  
Oh! some - times it caus - es me to trem - ble, trem - ble, trem - ble.

Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?

**The Burial of Jesus - John 19:31-42**

**Choral Anthem**

Jesus Christ is Lord – Phillip Stopford

*Though he was in the form of God,  
he did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited,  
but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave,  
being born in human likeness, and being found in human form,  
he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death,  
even death on the cross.*

*Therefore God also highly exalted him  
and gave him the name that is above every name,  
so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ Is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

## Closing Prayers and Dismissal

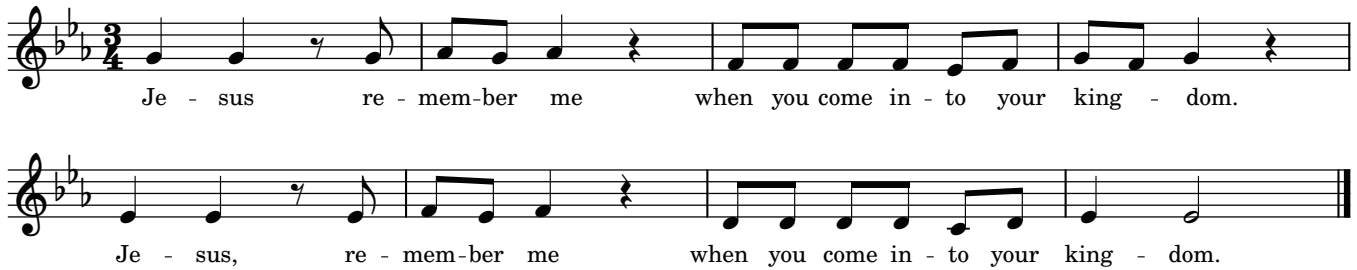
*The choir will sing the response the first time. The congregation will then be invited to sing this response at various times throughout the prayer.*

### Prayer

Jesus, Remember Me

Rockford Johnson

Leader: ... in the name of the one who does not forget us:



Je - sus re - mem-ber me when you come in - to your king - dom.

Je - sus, re - mem-ber me when you come in - to your king - dom.

### The Lord's Prayer

**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. Amen.**

### Tower Chimes

*The tower chimes will ring thirty-three times, once for each year Christ's human ministry.*

### Dismissal

Rockford Johnson

*All depart in silence*

## McFarlin Chancel Choir

### Soprano

Pat Bell  
Susan Bryant  
Lily Campbell\*  
Polly Christian  
Donna Clifford-Jones  
Marcia Garst  
Freda Gentry  
Marilyn Hammond  
Emma Hatfield\*  
Carlie Pool\*  
Katy Rogers  
Carol St John  
Nicole Van Every  
Libby Waldenville  
Julia Wilson\*

### Alto

Patty Banks  
Jolly Brown  
Nancy Burton  
Camille Carlington  
Cynthia Ingham  
Lee Jennings  
Bridget Lapp  
Laila Menden\*  
Natalie Morris\*  
Laura Morse  
Julia Pelletier\*  
Reagan Rasmussen\*  
Caryn Short  
Carol Warner

### Tenor

Nathan Gentry\*  
Joseph Mathew\*  
Ed Nanni  
Harris Phillips  
Casey Shapiro\*  
Nathaniel Wilkins\*

### Bass

Tom Burke  
Chuck Davis  
Lane Elliott\*  
Max Hamilton  
Matt Jankowski  
Davey Madden\*  
Matthew Raatz\*  
Andrew Schoelen\*  
John Strange  
Breck Turkington

\* indicates member of McFarlin Singers

## Worship Leaders

Rev. Dr. Rockford Johnson, Senior Pastor; Rev. Wendi Neal, Senior Associate Pastor  
Rev. Trey Witzel, Associate Pastor; Dr. Stephen Wurst, Director of Music Ministries and Organist  
Dr. Giovanni Corrodus, Assoc. Director of Music Ministries and Director of Choirs;  
Gayle St. John, Administrative Council Chair; Scott Meier, Director of Missions and Invitation  
Daphne Fix, Pastoral Assistant and Sanctuary Worship Coordinator;  
Sara Schaumburg, Acolyte; Libby Waldenville, Chimes  
Raleigh Savage, A/V Coordinator; Chyna Evans, Cameras and Livestream

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*The Betrayal of Christ* by Carravagio  
*Christ before the High Priest* by Gerard van Honthorst  
*The Denial of St. Peter* by Mattia Preti  
*Christ before Annas* by Matthias Stom  
*The Denial of Peter* by Carl Heinrich Bloch  
*Pilate's Court* by Mihály Munkácsy  
*What is Truth? Christ and Pilate* by Nikolay Ge  
*Ecce Homo* by Antonio Ciseri  
*Christ Carrying Cross* by Ilya Ovcharenko  
*For My Vestments They Did Cast Lots* by Charles Martin Hardie  
*The Crucifixion of Christ* by Matthias Grunewald  
*I Thirst* by James Tissot  
*Christ's Side Pierced with a Lance* by Peter Paul Rubens  
*The Burial of Christ, St. Jacob's Church, Bruges*

**Join us for Easter Sunday**  
**April 20, 2025**

**Sunrise 6:30am at the Gazebo (Atrium, if raining)**  
**8am, 9:30am and 11am Sanctuary Services**  
**11am Modern Service in Fenn Hall**



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