

PINEHURST

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



April 18, 2025

TENEBRAE SERVICE

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Good Friday Tenebrae Service

PRELUDE

“Were You There”

African American Spiritual
arr. Brian Hanson

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

The Tenebrae Service is one of the oldest traditions of the Christian church in the Holy Week celebration. From the Latin word meaning shadows, Tenebrae presents the story of Jesus’ passion. As the candles are extinguished, the Sanctuary is darkened to dramatize the death of our Lord.

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

The three chimes signify the presence of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

“Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy”

arr. Jay Rouse

*OPENING HYMN

“Beneath the Cross of Jesus”

UMH, 297

*OPENING PRAYER

Almighty God, graciously behold this Your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed into the hand 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. Amen.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Christ himself bore our sins in his body on the tree.

People: That we might die to sin and live to righteousness.

A Crucified Savior’s Prayer of Forgiveness

THE FIRST WORD

Luke 23:26-34

Rev. Katie Hoerster

Father, forgive them; for they know not what they are doing.
(Extinguish first candle)

CHOIR ANTHEM

“Father, Forgive Them”

Pepper Choplin

(Extinguish second candle)

**Please stand as you are able.*

A Crucified Thief's Prayer for Remembrance

THE SECOND WORD

Luke 23:35-43

Karen Hieronymus

Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.

(Extinguish third candle)

DUET

"What Wondrous Love Is This"

arr. Richard A. Nichols

Paul Kirkpatrick, cello

Darlene Skinner, piano

Casting Lots of a King

THE THIRD WORD

John 19:23-27

Kevin Nelson

Woman, here is your son...Here is your mother.

(Extinguish fourth candle)

CHOIR ANTHEM

"Pieta"

Joseph Martin

(Extinguish fifth candle)

HYMN

"O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"

UMH, 286 (v. 1 & 3)

Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?

THE FOURTH WORD

Mark 15:25-34

Christine Smith

My God, my God, why have You forsaken me?

(Extinguish sixth candle)

HYMN

"Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone"

UMH, 424 (v. 1 & 3)

(Extinguish seventh candle)

Yisemah

THE FIFTH WORD

John 19:28

Vera McLeran

I am thirsty.

(Extinguish eighth candle)

HYMN

"Go to Dark Gethsemane"

UMH, 290

(Extinguish ninth candle)

CHOIR ANTHEM

(Extinguish tenth candle)

“Why Lord?”

Pepper Choplin

DRAMATIC READING

Behold the Savior of Mankind

by Samuel Wesley
Ross Truemper, reader

MUSICAL RESPONSE

“Search Me, O God”

Heather Sorenson

Relinquishing of His Spirit**THE SIXTH WORD**

It is finished.

(Extinguish eleventh candle)

John 19:29-30

Vera McLeran

HYMN

(Extinguish twelfth candle)

“Ah, Holy Jesus”

UMH, 289

A Hardened Soldier’s Confession of Innocence**THE SEVENTH WORD**

Father, into Your hands I commend my spirit.

(Extinguish thirteenth candle)

Luke 23:46-49

Rosanne Roberts

CHOIR ANTHEM

(Extinguish fourteenth candle)

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

arr. Lloyd Larson

He Breathed His Last**DEATH**

(Extinguishing of Christ candle)

Matthew 27:50-56

Rev. Jabe Largen

SOLO

“Were You There?”

Dr. James Brown, soloist
(v. 1, 2, 3, 5)

Κενός σεαυτοῦ

(Empty Yourself)

Depart in Silence.

Acolytes: Kenna Johnson & Isaiah Largen