

# PINEHURST

## UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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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**

Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.  
(Extinguish third candle)

Luke 23:35-43

Karen Hieronymus

### **DUET**

*“What Wondrous Love Is This”*

arr. Richard A. Nichols  
Paul Kirkpatrick, cello  
Darlene Skinner, piano

### ***Casting Lots of a King***

### **THE THIRD WORD**

Woman, here is your son...Here is your mother.  
(Extinguish fourth candle)

John 19:23-27

Kevin Nelson

### **CHOIR ANTHEM**

(Extinguish fifth candle)

*“Pieta”*

Joseph Martin

### **HYMN**

*“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”*

UMH, 286 (v. 1 & 3)

### ***Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?***

### **THE FOURTH WORD**

My God, my God, why have You forsaken me?  
(Extinguish sixth candle)

Mark 15:25-34

Christine Smith

### **HYMN**

(Extinguish seventh candle)

*“Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone”*

UMH, 424 (v. 1 & 3)

### ***Yisemah***

### **THE FIFTH WORD**

I am thirsty.  
(Extinguish eighth candle)

John 19:28

Vera McLeran

### **HYMN**

(Extinguish ninth candle)

*“Go to Dark Gethsemane”*

UMH, 290

<b>CHOIR ANTHEM</b> (Extinguish tenth candle)	“Why Lord?”	Pepper Choplín
<b>DRAMATIC READING</b>	Behold the Savior of Mankind	by Samuel Wesley Ross Truemper, reader
<b>MUSICAL RESPONSE</b>	“Search Me, O God”	Heather Sorenson
	<b><i>Relinquishing of His Spirit</i></b>	
<b>THE SIXTH WORD</b> It is finished. (Extinguish eleventh candle)	John 19:29-30	Vera McLeran
<b>HYMN</b> (Extinguish twelfth candle)	“Ah, Holy Jesus”	UMH, 289
	<b><i>A Hardened Soldier’s Confession of Innocence</i></b>	
<b>THE SEVENTH WORD</b> Father, into Your hands I commend my spirit. (Extinguish thirteenth candle)	Luke 23:46-49	Rosanne Roberts
<b>CHOIR ANTHEM</b> (Extinguish fourteenth candle)	“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”	arr. Lloyd Larson
	<b><i>He Breathed His Last</i></b>	
<b>DEATH</b> (Extinguishing of Christ candle)	Matthew 27:50-56	Rev. Jabe Largen
<b>SOLO</b>	“Were You There?”	Dr. James Brown, soloist (v. 1, 2, 3, 5)
	<b><i>Kενός σεαυτοῦ</i></b> (Empty Yourself)	

## Depart in Silence.

Acolytes: Kenna Johnson & Isaiah Largent