

Good Friday Tenebrae Service

April 2, 2021 at 7 p.m.



ST. JOHN'S
United Methodist Church

If you are a guest, we welcome you to worship and ask that you consider filling out a contact form at www.stjohnsbr.org/guest so we can be in touch with you this week.

Glorifying God. Feeding People. Making Disciples.

We are a Christian community called to share our gifts through worship, witness and service so that others will know God and become disciples of Jesus Christ.

Again We Gather

Pre-Service Music from A Sanctified Art

Again & Again

Prelude Terry Byars

Were You There?

Words of Welcome Rev. Lane Cotton Winn

Call to Worship

We have been here before—
A place of grieving and mourning.
We have been here before—
A night that seems it won't end.
We have been here before—
Knee deep in fear, knee deep in doubt.
We have been here before—
Good Friday, the night Christ died.
So once again, we find ourselves here—
Together in spirit. In God's arms.
Where else would we go when the world falls apart?
Let us worship holy God.

Hymn

What Wondrous Love Is This?

What wondrous love is this,
O my soul, O my soul,
what wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this
that caused the Lord of bliss
to bear the dreadful curse
for my soul, for my soul,
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul.

What wondrous love is this,
O my soul, O my soul,
what wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this,
that caused the Lord of life
to lay aside his crown for my soul, for my soul,
to lay aside his crown for my soul.

To God and to the Lamb
I will sing, I will sing,
to God and to the Lamb, I will sing;
to God and to the Lamb who is the great I AM,
while millions join the theme
I will sing, I will sing;
while millions join the theme I will sing.

And when from death I'm free,
I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on;
and when from death I'm free,
I'll sing and joyful be, and through eternity
I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and through eternity I'll sing on.

Prayer Pastor Lane

The Passion of Jesus Christ

Questioning Pastors

John 18:1-11

Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley
**Jesus walked this lonesome valley;
he had to walk it by himself.
Oh, nobody else could walk it for him;
he had to walk it by himself.**

Seizing Margaret Sprunger

John 18:12-14

Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley
**We must walk this lonesome valley;
we have to walk it by ourselves.
oh, nobody else can walk it for us;
we have to walk it by ourselves.**

Denial Zach Isenhower

John 18:15-18

Litany Rev. Deirdré Halliburton

Lord, Have Mercy
**Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.**

We speak love with our lips and betray with our actions.

Lord have mercy.

We profess peace, justice, and mercy, but deny your love again and again.

Lord have mercy.

We try to build your kingdom, but get distracted by power, money, and accumulation.

Lord have mercy.

We judge Peter, knowing our own shameful hearts turn against Jesus again and again.

Christ have mercy.

Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy.

Lord, Have Mercy - reprise

Binding Kristine Isenhower

John 18:19-24

O Love, How Deep

Betrayal Haleigh Schwartz

John 18:25-27

You are invited to sit in silence and a spirit of contemplation.

Trial Alejandra Brevé

John 18:28-32

O How He Loves You and Me
**O how he loves you and me!
O how he loves you and me!
He gave his life. What more could he give?
O how he loves you; O how he loves me;
O how he loves you and me!**

Truth-tellingCaleb Doan, Ben Hartman
*John 18:33-38a***Litany**

Rev. Latrice Mallard

What is truth?
 Jesus is the way and the truth who brings life.
**Truth preaches peace in the face of violence
 and love instead of hate.**
 Truth practices hospitality, healing, and serving.
Truth forgives, reconciles, and nourishes.
 Truth seeks justice, loves kindness,
 and walks humbly with God.
Jesus is the way and the truth.
 And yet, we lament, for lies rule the world,
This world where truth is crucified.

Release*John 18:38b-40*

Pastor Lane

Prayer of Confession

Pastor Lane

Holy God,
 We admit that we struggle with this day.
 Nothing about it feels good.
 No one likes to see another suffer.
 On this day we are face to face with the cross,
 and your suffering is hard for us to bear.
 The pain of this day reminds us of the pain of
 past and present days,
 and our own pain is hard for us to bear.
 We are reminded of the suffering
 we cast onto others,
 which means we have to confront the pain we
 have caused you.
 So forgive us for skirting around the edges
 of this day.
 Forgive us for averting our eyes
 and avoiding the sinking feeling in our chests.
 Forgive us for distracting ourselves
 from the hurt,
 and forgive us for the ways in which we
 add to the suffering of this world.
 We do not like to be here—
 a place of grief and despair,
 at the foot of the cross,
 face to face with state-sanctioned violence.
 And yet, here is where we are.
 So forgive us, and then use us for your good.
 Gratefully we pray. Amen.

Words of ForgivenessSay these words aloud with me, and trust that they
belong to you:

**In my best and worst moments,
 I am a Child of God.
 Nothing can separate me from that truth,
 not even death.
 Thanks be to God. Amen.**

Scourging

Rev. Larry Norman

John 19:1-11

*To Mock Your Reign, O Dearest Lord
 To mock your reign, O dearest Lord,
 they made a crown of thorns;
 set you with taunts along that road
 from which no one returns.
 They could not know, as we do now,
 how glorious is that crown;
 that thorns would flower upon your brow,
 your sorrows heal our own.*
**In mock acclaim, O gracious Lord,
 they snatched a purple cloak; your passion turned, for
 all they cared, into a soldier's joke.
 They could not know, as we do now,
 that though we merit blame,
 you will your robe of mercy throw**

around our naked shame.

Abandonment

Sandra Kuykendall

*John 19:12-16a
Agnus Dei***Crucifixion**

Richard Damberg

*John 19:16b-22
O Sacred Head Now Wounded***Casting Lots**

Phil Sprunger

*John 19:23-24
He Never Said a Mumblyin' Word***Grief**

Natalie Cooper

John 19:24-27

Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross
**Jesus, keep me near the cross; there a precious fountain, free
 to all, a healing stream, flows from Calvary's mountain. In the
 cross, in the cross, be my glory ever,
 till my raptured soul shall find rest beyond the river.**

**Near the cross I'll watch and wait, hoping, trusting ever,
 till I reach the golden strand just beyond the river.
 In the cross, in the cross, be my glory ever,
 till my raptured soul shall find rest beyond the river.**

It Is Finished

Tori Lambert

John 19:28-30

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross
**When I survey the wondrous cross
 on which the Prince of Glory died,
 my richest gain I count but loss,
 and pour contempt on all my pride.**
**Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
 save in the death of Christ, my God;
 all the vain things that charm me most,
 I sacrifice them to his blood.**
**See, from his head, his hands, his feet,
 sorrow and love flow mingled down.
 Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
 or thorns compose so rich a crown?**

Piercing

Rev. Marie Williams

*John 19:31-37**You are invited to sit in silence and a spirit of contemplation.***Burial**

Pastor Deirdre

*John 19:38-42**You are invited to sit in silence and a spirit of contemplation.***Postlude**

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