

Good Friday:  
A Tenebrae Service



*Ventura / North Oxnard Cooperative Parish*  
April 15, 2022

**PRELUDE** *Improvisation on the suffering and death of Christ* -Lance Crane

**INTRODUCTION TO THE SERVICE:**

*The Tenebrae Service is a dramatic worship service which remembers the full impact of the death of Jesus Christ through movement from light to darkness. For this reason, the mood of the entire service is somber in nature, in complete contrast to Easter.*

*We experience what the followers of Jesus felt on that Friday long ago ... shock, despair, gloom, grief, and sadness. When the service ends we request that you leave in silence to ponder the impact of Christ's death and await the celebration of the coming Resurrection.*

**OPENING PRAYER:**

**ANTHEM** *"Behold the Lamb of God"*  
*FUMC Chancel Choir; Sabastien Montgomerie, guest conductor; Lance Crane, accompanist*

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**PREPARING OUR HEARTS**

**MEDITATION PRAYER** (unison)

You are the Ever-present One who shares our most painful hours: At Cana, Jesus turned water into wine. At Calvary, Jesus turned blood and agony into joy. We haven't begun to understand – perhaps we never will. How is such pain transformed into joy? We don't know. But one thing we are beginning to see — there's no way to follow Jesus and play it safe. Please give courage to live with the risk of Good Friday faith, the risk Jesus took for us. Amen

**HYMN** *"What Wondrous Love Is This"* UMH 292

**CALLING OF THE APOSTLES**

**LIGHTING OF THE APOSTLES' CANDLES**

**JOHN 13**

**THE FALLING AWAY OF THE APOSTLES (JOHN 18)**

**ANTHEM** *Forsaken*  
*FUMC Chancel Choir; Bob Riggs, interim director; Lance Crane, accompanist*

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**MOUNT CALVARY (LUKE 23)**

**HYMN** *"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"* UMH 298

**BENEDICTION**