

Hymn                      “Were You There”                      UMH 288  
Pam Cartmell, saxophone solo

### Dismissal with Blessing

Go in peace.  
May Jesus Christ,  
    who for your sake became obedient unto death,  
        even death on a cross,  
    keep you and strengthen you this night and for ever.  
**Amen.**



## Good Friday

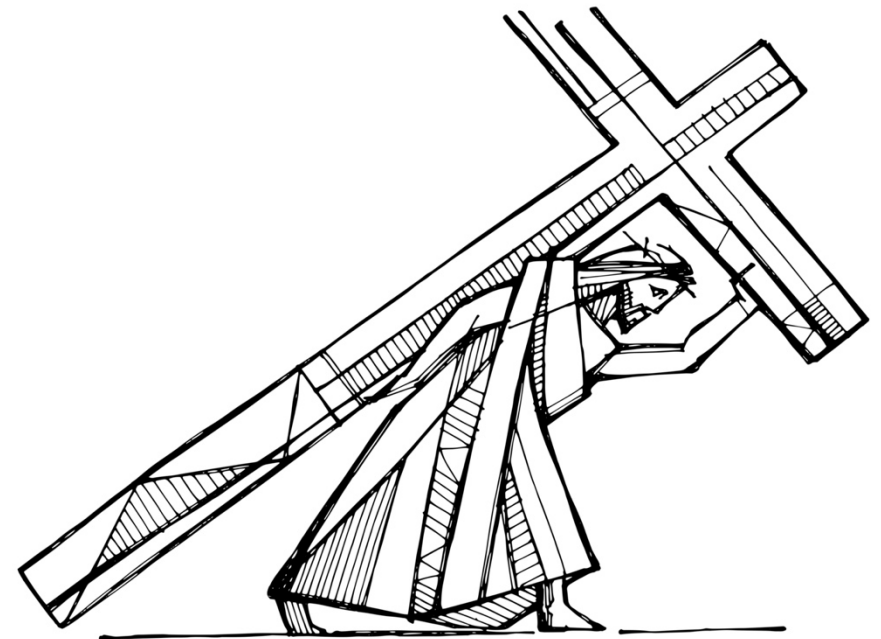
A Tenebrae Worship Service  
April 3, 2026

### A Solemn Service

This service will end with the proclamation of Christ’s death and burial. It is a somber and poignant moment, as we depart in darkness while awaiting the Easter light. As is appropriate to the solemnity of this service, please depart in silence once the service concludes.

### What does ‘Tenebrae’ mean?

‘Tenebrae’ is the Latin word for ‘darkness,’ and a Tenebrae service on Good Friday depicts the arrest, trial, and crucifixion of Christ while the sanctuary gets progressively darker. The service traces back to the 800s AD as a staple for Holy Week worship. Simply put, we cannot experience the fullness of Easter joy without seeing the depths Christ endured on our behalf on Good Friday.



# Order of Worship

April 3, 2026  
Good Friday

Greeting Pastor Michael Carpenter

Our God is light, in whom there is no darkness at all.  
Jesus Christ is the light of the world.  
And this is the judgment,  
that the light has come into the world,  
and we loved the darkness rather than the light.

\*Opening Hymn "What Wondrous Love Is This" UMH 292

Prayer

**Almighty God,  
graciously behold this your family,  
for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing  
to be betrayed into the hands 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.**

Special Music "Between Two Thieves" Presley Rains

The Passion of Jesus Christ

*Fourteen candles, along with a central Christ candle are lighted.  
A candle is extinguished at the conclusion of each reading.*

I  
Judas betrays Christ Sue Kennedy

II  
Jesus brought before Caiaphas Heather Spiva

III  
Peter denies Christ Max Rudd

IV  
Caiaphas questions Jesus David Pratt

V  
Peter further denies Christ Jan Pratt

VI  
Jesus brought before Pilate Katrina Jarvis

VII  
Pilate questions Jesus Buddy Moore

VIII  
Barabbas is released Vicki Daves

IX  
Jesus given the crown of thorns Susan Lederwood

X  
The crowd cries, "Crucify him!" Sharon Kinzie

XI  
Jesus nailed to the Cross Scott McMurry

XII  
Lots cast for Christ's clothing Cindy McMurry

XIII  
Jesus's mother and disciples look on Sue Kennedy

XIV  
Jesus gives up his spirit Max Rudd

XV  
Jesus's side is pierced Sharon Kinzie

XVI  
Jesus is buried Buddy Moore