



Wandering Heart

"Streams of mercy"

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

March 28, 2024 | 7:30PM

Tenebrae Service

The Session and members of First Presbyterian Church Fargo extend a sincere welcome to you. We are grateful for your presence today! We welcome all persons regardless of race, nationality, disability, gender or sexual orientation. This includes an open invitation to membership, the sacraments of baptism and the Lord's Supper,

marriage, funerals, memorial services and to serve as an officer of the church.

We recycle! If you are not taking your bulletin, please drop it in the blue bin at the door as you leave.

Please rise in body or spirit.

PRELUDE

Song for Athene
Shawn Neisen, pianist

Sir John Tavener

CALL TO WORSHIP

Jesus began to say, "This is but the beginning of the birth pangs."

**We have seen the signs, nation rises against nation
and there is hate amongst the people.**

"But the one who endures to the end will be saved." This is the good news – **the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the world, as a testimony to all the nations.**

We will see 'the Son of Man coming in the clouds of heaven' with power and great glory.

And he will send out his angels with a loud trumpet call.

And they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

Let us worship the One who is coming in glory.

Rev. Sarah M. Bigwood

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Rev. Mary Jo E. Holtey

Eternal God, whose covenant with us is never broken, we confess that we fail to fulfill your will. Though you have bound yourself to us, we will not bind ourselves to you. In Jesus Christ you serve us freely, but we refuse your love and withhold ourselves from others. We do not love you fully or love one another as you command. In your mercy, forgive and cleanse us. Lead us once again to your table and unite us to Christ, who is the bread of life and the vine from which we grow in grace.

Pastor: The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God.

HYMN 216

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

SHARING OF THE PEACE

THE SERVICE OF TENEBRAE

The service of Tenebrae, a word meaning “shadows” originated during the early years of the church. The service depicts the events that led to the crucifixion. The extinguishing of the candles, resulting in an encroaching darkness, symbolizes the flight of the disciples and the approaching hour of crucifixion. The moment of total darkness recalls the hours Christ was in the tomb.

DEATH FORETOLD

SCRIPTURE

John 12:20-26

Becky Trumbo

MEDITATION

surrender

by Rev. Sarah M. Bigwood

HYMN 718

Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said

THE FOOT WASHING

SCRIPTURE	<i>John 13:1-15</i>	Bruce Maylath
MEDITATION	<i>The Touch of the Towel</i> by Rev. Lisa Ann Moss Degrenia	

PIANO MEDITATION

A NEW COMMANDMENT

SCRIPTURE	<i>John 13:31-35</i>	Lisa McEvers
MEDITATION	<i>Belonging and Washing</i> by Walter Brueggemann	

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

THE PASSOVER AND LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

SCRIPTURE	<i>Mark 14:12-25</i>	Claudia Hansen
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COMMUNION & OFFERING

When you are invited to do so, please come forward by the center aisle. You will be served the bread and cup. Leave your offering in the baskets after you've taken communion. Use the QR code to access the secure giving portal on our website.



Tonight's offering is for the Board of Deacons' Emergency Relief Fund. This fund provides assistance for those who face special and unexpected needs.

GIFT OF MUSIC	<i>The Holy Heart</i>	Barbour and McDonald
	Sam Johnson, Jeff Olson, Jack Lawrence, Bryan Poyzer Shawn Neisen, pianist	

PRAAYER OF THANKSGIVING

THE GARDEN

SCRIPTURE	<i>John 18:1-11</i>	Prakash Mathew
GIFT OF MUSIC	<i>Go to Dark Gethsemane</i> Sanctuary Choir; Shawn Neisen, director; Virginia Stern, pianist	Garth Edmundson

MEDITATION	<i>Sacrifice</i>
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THE DENIAL

SCRIPTURE	<i>John 18:12-27</i>	Corday Goddard
MEDITATION	<i>i am not</i>	
HYMN 415	<i>Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy</i> Accompanied by Shawn Neisen, piano; Penny Andrist and Brian Peterson, guitars	

THE SENTENCE

SCRIPTURE	<i>John 19:1-16</i>	Brian McClure
MEDITATION	<i>Jesus is condemned to death</i> by Malcolm Guite	

PIANO MEDITATION

THE CRUCIFIXION

SCRIPTURE	<i>John 19:17-27</i>
PIANO MEDITATION	
MEDITATION	<i>Jesus Meets His Mother</i> by Malcolm Guite

DEATH ON THE CROSS

SCRIPTURE	<i>John 19:28-30</i>
GIFT OF MUSIC	<i>Were You There</i> Sam Johnson, soloist

Please depart in silence.