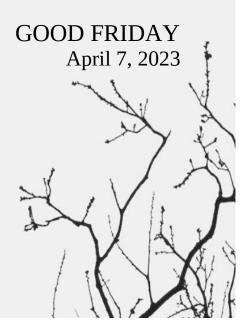




# CHRIST THE REDEEMER -PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH-



## Welcome to CHRIST the REDEEMER

We're glad you're here. Whether you have followed Jesus your whole life or you can't remember the last time you stepped foot in a church, we want you to feel welcome to come as you are and worship with our church family. If you have any questions about our church or where to find something, please don't hesitate to ask. We're excited about what God is doing among us as we seek to live, grow and serve as followers of Jesus in Portland and in our surrounding neighborhoods. So, welcome to CTR, we'd love to have you as a part of our family.

## What is "Tenebrae"?

The last week of Jesus' humiliation served as the culmination of his ministry. After his triumphal entry into Jerusalem, Jesus continued to teach the crowds and work with his disciples as he journeyed to the cross. Tenebrae is a specific service that focuses on the cross and the death of Jesus. We are invited into the story to truly feel the sadness and sorrow of Christ's death, so that we may rejoice in his resurrection all the more.

#### TENEBRAE: THE SERVICE OF SHADOWS

"Tenebrae" is a Latin word meaning "shadows." Throughout the service, candles are extinguished, and the darkness grows as each portion of the story of Christ's suffering and death is told.

Each reading is followed by a song or a period of silence. The darkness grows until finally, when Jesus is laid in the tomb and the stone is rolled over the entrance, all lights are extinguished and the church lies in total darkness. After a period of darkness, a single candle will be lit to remind us of Christ's love and the foundation of our hope.

The purpose of Tenebrae is to vividly portray the betrayal, abandonment, and agony of these events, yet we leave with the story unfinished. The story doesn't end here, but the darkness of this night gives way to the irreversible sunrise of Easter morning. The service ends with only enough light for the congregation to exit safely. We encourage you to leave in silence as you consider the death of Christ as we wait with longing for the joy of Easter morning.

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## PRELUDE

WELCOME AND PREPARATION

OPENING PRAYER

SUNG MEDITATION [Congregation] The Power of the Cross

S C R I P T U R E R E A D I N G Isaiah 53:1-12 ESV

SUNG MEDITATION [Congregation] What Wondrous Love is This?

## **GETHSEMANE PRAYER**

SCRIPTURE READING Mark 14:32-42 ESV

HOMILY

VOCAL SOLO Gethsemane Hymn Rev. Sean J.S. Roberts

Rev. Roberts

Read by Douglas Peaslee

Read by Sarah Cohen

Rev. John Kirkpatrick

Moriah Hollen Peaslee

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## JUDAS' BETRAYAL

#### FIRST CANDLE EXTINGUISHED

SCRIPTURE READING Mark 14:43-50 ESV Read by Crystal Kepler

SUNG MEDITATION [Congregation] O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus

### PETER'S BETRAYAL

SECOND CANDLE EXTINGUISHED

SCRIPTURE READING Mark 14:53-72 ESV Read by Neil Schenk

SUNG MEDITATION [Congregation] Dear Refuge of My Weary Soul

## PILATE

#### THIRD CANDLE EXTINGUISHED

SCRIPTURE READING Mark 15:1-15 ESV Read by David Dyke

SILENT MEDITATION

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SUNG MEDITATION [Congregation] Man of Sorrows

## MOCKING AND CRUCIFIXION

#### FOURTH CANDLE EXTINGUISHED

SCRIPTURE READING Mark 15:16-32 ESV Read by Matt Reid

SILENT MEDITATION

SUNG MEDITATION [Congregation] Jesus, Remember Me

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#### FIFTH CANDLE EXTINGUISHED

SCRIPTURE READING Mark 15:33-41 ESV Read by Laura Wiersma

SILENT MEDITATION

SUNG MEDITATION [Congregation] Were You There?

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### BURIAL

#### SIXTH CANDLE EXTINGUISHED

SCRIPTURE READING Mark 15:42-47 ESV Read by Aubrey Michaud

COMPLETE DARKNESS

## **CANDLE OF HOPE**

MUSICAL MEDITATION O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

## [SILENCE]

We conclude our service tonight in silence. Please feel free to continue in prayer if you'd like as we mourn the death of Christ. As you exit, please do so in silence.

We welcome you to join us this Sunday [10 AM] as the darkness of this evening is chased away by Jesus' resurrection and victory on Easter morning – the sunrise that can never be extinguished.

Thank you for joining us. We are glad you did.

## Thank you to all of the participants in tonight's service.

Kendra Hollen
Quincy Freeman
Peter Kouba
Mimi Townsend
Mimi Townsend Abby Reid

#### Vocalists:

Moriah Hollen Peasle	e
Becca Dyk	e

### Readers:

	Douglas Peaslee
	Sarah Cohen
	uorey michau
Candles	Luna Button
Senior Pastor	Rev. Sean J.S. Roberts
Guest Speaker	Rev. John Kirkpatrick



Christ the Redeemer Presbyterian Church longs to be a diverse people who gather around and extend the table of God's grace.

### SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE at 10:00 AM

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