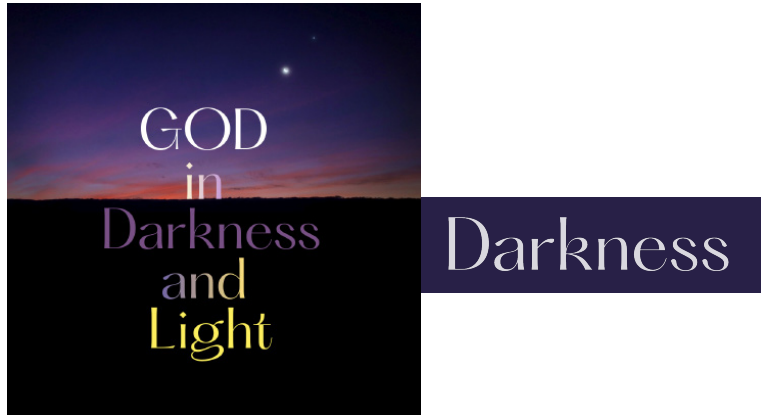


FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
WORSHIP

Good Friday Ecumenical Tenebrae Service • April 3, 2026

WE GATHER



PRELUDE Postlude for the Office of Compline (Jehan Alain)

Ty Woodward, organ

WELCOME

Rev. Greg Batson

CALL TO WORSHIP

On this day we gather to remember Jesus our Savior
who loved us and gave himself for us.

Let us draw near in full assurance of God's endless love and mercy.

**We give our thanks and praise to Jesus Christ
who carries our sorrows, heals our wounds,
and redeems us from sin and death.**

HYMN #292 United Methodist Hymnal – What Wondrous Love Is This (verses 1 & 2)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND PARDON

Tricia Guerrero

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word,
and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not
loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in
your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.**

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Why are you so far from helping me, from the words of my groaning?

O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer; and by night, but you do not answer.

Yet you, the praise of Israel, are enthroned in holiness.

In you our forebears trusted; they trusted and you delivered them.

All to you they cried and were saved; in you they trusted and were not disappointed.

But I am a worm and not human, scorned by others and despised by the people.

All who see me mock me; they make mouths at me, they wag their heads:

“He committed his cause to the Lord; let the Lord deliver him, let the Lord rescue him, for he delights in him.”

Yet it was you who took me from the womb; you kept me safe upon my mother’s breast.

Upon you I was cast from my birth, and since my mother bore me, you have been my God.

Do not be far from me, for trouble is near and there is none to help.

Many bulls surround me; strong bulls of Bashan surround me.

They open wide their mouth at me, like a ravening and roaring lion.

I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint.

My heart has turned to wax; it has melted away within me.

My mouth is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue cleaves to my jaws; to the roof of my mouth; you lay me in the dust of death.

Dogs have surrounded me; a company of evildoers encircles me, they have pierced my hands and my feet.

I can count all my bones; they stare and gloat over me.

They divide my garments among them, and for my raiment, they cast lots.

But you, O Lord, do not be far away! O my help, come quickly to my aid!

Deliver my life from the sword, my life from the power of the dog!

Save me from the mouth of the lion! From the horns of the wild oxen you have rescued me.

I will tell of your name to my brothers and sisters; in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.

The Betrayal & Arrest

FIRST LESSON John 18:1-11

Susan Healy Keene

ANTHEM

The Choir/Ty Woodward, conductor

Introit *from* Requiem (Maurice Duruflé)

Eternal rest give to them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. A hymn, O God, becometh Thee in Zion, and a vow shall be paid to Thee in Jerusalem; O Lord, hear my prayer, all flesh shall come to Thee. Eternal rest give to them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

Jesus Before Caiaphas & Peter's Denials

SECOND LESSON John 18:12-27

Rev. Tim Vance

HYMN #289 UMH – Ah, Holy Jesus (v. 1-4)

Jesus Before Pilate

THIRD LESSON John 18:28-38a

Mark Stegemoeller

HYMN #298 UMH – When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Barabbas

FOURTH LESSON John 18:38b-19:7

Tricia Guerrero

ANTHEM

The Choir

Surely, He Hath Borne Our Griets *from* Messiah (G.F.Handel)

Surely He hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows! He was wounded For our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; the Chastisement of our peace was upon Him.

Pilate Hands Over Jesus

FIFTH LESSON John 19:8-16a

Rev. Vance

HYMN #286 UMH – O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

Crucifixion and Death

SIXTH LESSON John 19:16b-30

Rev. Boline

HYMN #288 UMH – Were You There (v. 1-4)

Jesus Laid in the Tomb

SEVENTH LESSON John 19:31-42

Rev. Batson

You may depart in silence.

A Service of Tenebrae, or “Darkness,” is based on a twelfth century late night service and is an extended meditation on the passion of Christ. Tonight we share the account of Jesus’ suffering and death according to the Gospel of John. At the end of each reading, a candle is extinguished, and a hymn or choral anthem is sung, weaving together spoken word and song. Following the final reading, the Christ Candle is extinguished and we will depart in silence until we gather on Easter morning to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Readers

Rev. Greg Batson, First UMC
Rev. James Boline, St. Paul’s Lutheran Church
Rev. Tim Vance, First Presbyterian Church
Tricia Guerrero, First UMC
Susan Healy Keene, St. Paul’s
Mark Stegemoeller, St. Paul’s

Music

Ty Woodward, Conductor and Organist, First UMC
First UMC Chancel Choir
St. Paul’s Lutheran Church Choir
First Presbyterian Church Choir

