

**GOOD FRIDAY-- TENEBRAE SERVICE**  
**A SERVICE OF SHADOWS—MARCH 29, 2024 at 7 pm**  
Brentwood Community United Methodist Church

**GATHERING TOGETHER**

Greeter: Linda Barnhill

\*As you enter, we invite you to choose **a stone** from the basket near the entrance. The stone represents the one that sealed Jesus' tomb. Think of it as a symbol of something weighing you down in your life – perhaps a burden of forgiveness, sickness, loneliness, anxiety, financial stress, a frustrating situation, etc.



At the end of the service, you will be invited to come forward and place your stone beneath the cross of Jesus. This symbolizes placing your burdens before God, asking for His touch and guidance so you can move on with hope.

**PRELUDE**

Rose Marie Forment

**LIGHTING OF CANDLES (during PRELUDE)**

Joe Niec and Karen Thomas

**WELCOME & INTRODUCTION**

Pastor Lee

Welcome to Good Friday **Tenebrae** Service. *Tenebrae means shadows, and as we read Matthew's account of the Passion of our Lord, we will experience the growing shadows of sin and this world's darkness gathering around the cross. There are no Angels and at the end of the service, we will leave in silence. Traditionally; there is no benediction at the end of Good Friday since the services commemorating the cross do not end until Easter's proclamation of our Lord's Resurrection.*

**RESPONSIVE OPENING**

Pastor Lee

L: God is light, in whom there is no darkness at all.

**P: Jesus Christ is the light of the world.**

L: And this is the judgment that the light has come into the world, and we loved darkness rather than light.

**P: Oh, God, we are here. In your mercy, receive us!**

**OPENING HYMN: "What Wondrous Love is This?" # 292 (VS. 1 & 3 UMH)**

**UNISON PRAYER:**

Pastor Lee

**Almighty God, Ruler of the Universe. You feed the world with goodness, mercy, and grace. Graciously behold 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.**

**TENEBRAE SERVICE OF SHADOWS**

**READING 1:**

**MATTHEW 26:31-35 Peter's Denial Foretold**

Gbenga Olayomi

*Extinguish the 1st Candle at the most outside*

Joe Niec

*Cover the Palm Branches with black!*

Janet Clarke

*Silence (Gong)*

Bob Clarke

**READING 2:**

**MATTHEW 26:36-46 - Jesus Prays in Gethsemane**

JoAnn Funk

*Extinguish the 2nd candle.*

Karen Thomas

*Turn off the Light on the Picture of Jesus!*

Scott Baxter

*Silence (Gong)*

Bob Clarke

**HYMN:**

**"Go To Dark Gethsemane" (#290 UMH vs. 1 & 2)**

**READING 3:**

**MATTHEW 26:47-56 - The Betrayal and Arrest of Jesus**

David Funk

*Extinguish the 3rd candle*

Joe Niec

*Cover the Piano with black!*

Eileen Newill

*Silence (Gong)*

Bob Clarke

**ANTHEM I**

BCUMC Choir

Piano: Rose Marie Forment

**READING 4:**

**MATTHEW 26:57-68 - Jesus before the High Priest**

Cheryl Breitenbucher

*Extinguish the 4th candle.*

Karen Thomas

*Cover the Baptismal Stand with black!*

Janet Clarke

*Silence (Gong)*

Bob Clarke

**READING 5:**

**MATTHEW 26:69-75 - Peter's Denial of Jesus**

Gbenga Olayomi

*Extinguish 5th candle!*

Joe Niec

*Turn Off Rear Beam Lights*

Scott Baxter

*Silence (Gong)*

Bob Clarke

**HYMN**

**"O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"**

**#286 (VS. 1 & 2, UMH)**

**READING 6:**

**MATTHEW 27:1-2 - Jesus Brought before Pilate**

JoAnn Funk

***Extinguish the 6th candle!***

***Silence (Gong)***

Karen Thomas

Bob Clarke

**READING 7: MATTHEW 27:3-10 - The Suicide of Judas**

David Funk

***Extinguish 7th candle.***

***Covering Choir Podium***

***Silence (Gong)***

Joe Niec

Eileen Newill

Bob Clarke

**READING 8:**

**MATTHEW 27:11-26 Pilate Questions Jesus**

Cheryl Breitenbucher

***Extinguish 8th candle.***

***Cover the Pulpit with black!***

***Turn Off Center Beam Lights***

***Silence (Gong)***

Karen Thomas

Janet Clarke

Scott Baxter

Bob Clarke

**ANTHEM II**

“Hear the Nails” (by Herb Frombach)

BCUMC Choir  
Piano: Rose Marie Forment

**READING 9:**

**MATTHEW 27:27-31 - The Soldiers Mock Jesus**

Gbenga Olayomi

***Extinguish 9<sup>th</sup> candle!***

***Turn Off Front Beam Lights***

***Silence (Gong)***

Joe Niec

Scott Baxter

Bob Clarke

**READING 10:**

**MATTHEW 27:32-37 The Crucifixion of Jesus (I)**

JoAnn Funk

***Extinguish 10<sup>th</sup> candle.***

***Take down “The Life Begins Here” Banner!***

***Turn Off Choir Ceiling Lights***

***Silence (Gong)***

Karen Thomas

Scott Baxter

Dennis Buckley

Bob Clarke

**HYMN:**

“Were You There”

#288 (VS. 1 & 2, UMH)

**READING 11:**

**MATTHEW 27:38-44 The Crucifixion of Jesus (2)**

David Funk

***Extinguish 11<sup>th</sup> candle.***

***Turn Off Side Lights***

***Silence (Gong)***

Joe Niec

Scott Baxter

Bob Clarke

**READING 12:**

**MATTHEW 27:45-46 The Death of Jesus (1)**

Cheryl Breitenbucher

*Extinguish 12<sup>th</sup> candle.*

Karen Thomas

*Turn Off Choir Spot Lights*

Scott Baxter

*Cover the Altar with black!*

Eileen Newill & Janet Clarke

*Silence (Gong)*

Bob Clarke

**HYMN:**

**“Were You There”**

**#288 (VS. 3 & 4, UMH)**

**READING 13: PSALM READING 22:1-3, 16-22**

Gbenga Olayomi

*Extinguish 13<sup>th</sup> candle.*

Joe Niec

*Turn Off Pulpit Spot & Pulpit Ceiling Lights*

Scott Baxter

*Silence (Gong)*

Bob Clarke

**READING 14:**

**MATTHEW 27:47-50 The Death of Jesus (2)**

JoAnn Funk

*Extinguish 14<sup>th</sup> candle.*

Karen Thomas

*Long dark silence...*

**READING 15 MATTHEW 27:51-53 The Death of Jesus (3)**

David Funk

**READING 16 MATTHEW 27:54 The Death of Jesus (4)**

Cheryl Breitenbucher

**READING 17-20:**

Gbenga Olayomi, JoAnn Funk, David Funk, Cheryl Breitenbucher

**HYMN:**

**“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”**

**# 298 (VS 1, 2 & 4, UMH)**

*✘ Gong Sound 3 Times*

Bob Clarke

***Placing Your Stone Beneath the Cross of Jesus***

Come forward and place your stone beneath the cross of Jesus.

May God touch your life and guide you with grace so you can move on with hope!



***Departure in Silence (No Benediction or Postlude for Good Friday)***

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**WORSHIP MINISTERS**

**Greeter:** Linda Barnhill

**Pastor:** Rev. Hyesung Lee

**Narrators:** JoAnn Funk, David Funk, Gbenga Olayomi, Cheryl Breitenbucher

**Acolytes:** Joe Niec, Karen Thomas **Light Controller:** Scott Baxter

**Gong Sound:** Bob Clarke

**Stage Coordinator:** Eileen Newill, Janet Clarke

**Pianist:** Rose Marie Forment

**Choir Conductor:** Alivia Logan-Kumagai

**Audio/Video/Sound Effects/zoom:** Dennis Buckley