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Good Friday, April 18, 2025, 7:00 p.m. – Online Edition
Tenebrae Service
(A Service of Shadows and Darkness, Remembering Jesus' Suffering and Crucifixion)

** = Please stand as you are able All congregational responses are in* ***bold***

Welcome to Muddy Creek!
Welcome
Prelude – *O Man Bewail Thy Grievious Sins*…….…...J. S. Bach

***** Opening Dialogue
He grew up before him like a tender shoot, and like a root out of the dry ground.
He was despised and rejected by others; he was a man of suffering acquainted with infirmity.
He was a man of sorrows, familiar with suffering.
He was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed.
We all, like sheep, have gone astray.
We have turned to our own way, and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

*Prayer
**Hymn: "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"……..……..#611*
1. I hear the voice of Jesus say, "Come unto me and rest; lay down, O weary one lay down
your head upon my breast." I came to Jesus as I was, so weary worn and sad;
I found in him a resting place, and he has made me glad.
2. I hear the voice of Jesus say, "Behold, I freely give the living water, thirsty one;
stoop down and drink and live." I came to Jesus , and I drank of that life-giving stream;
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in him.
3. I hear the voice of Jesus say, "I am this dark world's light; look unto me, your morn shall rise,
and all your day be bright." I looked to Jesus, and I found in him, my star my sun;
and in that light of life I'll walk will trav'ling days are done.

<u>Part One: Jesus in Gethsemane:</u> Mark 14:32-46
Extinguishing the First Candle
Silence
Hymn: "Go to Dark Gethsemane"……..#347 (vs. 1-3)
1. Go to dark Gethsemane, all who feel the tempter's power,
your Redeemer's conflict see. Watch with him one bitter hour;
turn not from his griefs away; learn from Jesus Christ to pray.
2. Follow to the judgment hall, view the Lord of life arraigned;

oh, the wormwood and the gall! Oh, the pangs his soul sustained!
Shun not suff'ring, shame or loss; learn from him to bear the cross.
3. Calv'ry's mournful mountain climb; there, adoring at his feet,
mark that miracle of time, God's own sacrifice complete.
"It is finished!" hear him cry; learn from Jesus Christ to die.

Part Two: Peter's Denial of Jesus: Mark 14:53-56, 66-72
Extinguishing the Second Candle
Silence
Hymn: "Ah, Holy Jesus"……#349
1. Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended that we to judge thee have in hate pretended?
By foes derided, by thine own rejected, O most afflicted.
2. Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon thee? Alas, my treason, Jesus, hath undone thee.
'Twas I, Lord Jesus, I it was denied thee; I crucified thee.
3. Lo, the Good Shepherd for the sheep is offered; the slave hath sinned,
and the Son hath suffered; for our atonement, while we nothing heeded, God interceded.
4. For me, kind Jesus, was thine incarnation, thy mortal sorrow, and thy life's oblation;
thy death of anguish and thy bitter passion, for my salvation.
5. Therefore, kind Jesus, since I cannot pay thee, I do adore thee, and will ever pray thee;
think on thy pity and thy love unswerving, not my deserving.

Part Three: Jesus Before Pontius Pilate: Luke 23:13-24
Extinguishing the Third Candle
Silence
Hymn: "Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed"……#337 (vs. 1-3)
1. Alas! And did my Savior blee, and did my sovereign die?
Would he devote that sacred head for sinners such as I?
2. Was is it for sins that I had done he groaned upon the tree?
Amazing pity, grace unknown, and love beyond degree!
3. Well might the sun in darkness hide and shut its glories in
when God, the mighty maker, died for his own creatures' sin.

Part Four: The Soldiers Mock Jesus: Matthew 27:27-31
Extinguishing the Fourth Candle
Silence
Hymn: "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"……#803
1. When I survey the wondrous cross on which the prince of glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss and pour contempt on all my pride.
2. Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast save in the death of Christ, my God;
all the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood.
3. See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down.
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?
4. Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small;
love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

Part Five: The Crucifixion of Jesus: Luke 23:33-34, 39-43
Extinguishing the Fifth Candle
Silence
Hymn: "Jesus, Remember Me" (repeat 3x)……#616
1. Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.
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2. Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.
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3. Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.
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Part Six: The Crucifixion of Jesus: Matthew 27:45-46
Extinguishing the Sixth Candle
Silence
Hymn: "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"……#351
1. O sacred head , now wounded, with grief and shame weighed down,
now scornfully surrounded with thorns, thine only crown;
O sacred head, what glory, what bliss till now was thine!
Yet, though despised and gory, I joy to call thee mine.
2. How pale thou art with anguish, with sore abuse and scorn;
how does thy face now languish, which once was bright as morn!
Thy grief and bitter passion were all for sinners' gain;
mine, mine was the transgression, but thine the deadly pain.
3. What language shall I borrow to thank thee dearest friend,
for this thy dying sorrow, they pity without end?
Oh, make me thine forever, and should I fainting be,
Lord, let me never, never outlive my love to thee.
4. Lord, be my consolation; shield me when I must die;
remind me of thy passion when my last hour draws nigh.
These eyes, new faith receiving, from thee shall never move;
for all who die believing die safely in thy love.

Part Seven: The Death of Jesus: Luke 23:46-48
Extinguishing the Last Candle
Solo: "Were You There"…… Soloist: Gail Bare

(All depart in silence.)

Announcements

Easter Services this coming Sunday:
6:30 a.m. Easter Dawn Service in the Cemetery (assemble outside the church)
7:30 a.m. Easter Communion Service (also livestreamed and posted online)
8:30 a.m. Easter Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall
10:15 a.m. Easter Communion Service (also livestreamed and posted online)

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