

Thank you for worshipping with us at Bethel United Methodist Church! We are delighted you have chosen to worship with us on this Good Friday.

Please make plans to join us for our Easter Celebrations

- **Sunday** - Easter Sunrise Celebration – 7:00 a.m. – with a community breakfast following our worship. Worship will be held in the prayer garden, weather permitting.
- **Sunday** - Easter Sunday Worship – 11:00 a.m.

### About A Service of Tenebrae

A Service of Tenebrae or "Shadows," is based on a twelfth-century late-night/early-morning service that remembers the passion and death of Jesus Christ through scripture readings, hymns, and the gradual extinguishing of candles. Tenebrae is the Latin word meaning "darkness" or "shadows." As the candles in this service are extinguished, we are reminded of the suffering, abandonment of Christ, and the spiritual darkness of the world.

The readings from scripture are translations by James H. Charlesworth. He accurately translates John 18:1 –19:42, with special sensitivity to Jews, Judaism, Jesus' Jewishness, and the Jewish origins of Christianity."



## GOOD FRIDAY TENEBRAE WORSHIP SERVICE

Bethel United Methodist Church

April 3, 2026

6:00 pm

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

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## GATHERING

### WORDS OF WELCOME

#### GREETING:

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,

**P: And we loved darkness rather than light.**

#### \*HYMN OF CONFESSION

## Lamb of God

Steven R. Janco  
Music

*♩=90*

Lamb of God,\* you take a-way the sins of the world; have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world: grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.

#### CONFESSION AND PARDON

**P: Most merciful God, we your Church confess that often our spirit has not been that of Christ. Where we have failed to love one another as he loves us, where we have pledged loyalty to him with our lips and then betrayed, deserted, or denied him, forgive us, we pray; and by your, Spirit make us faithful in every time of trial; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

L: Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ. But Christ suffered and died for us, was raised from the dead and ascended on high for us, and continues to intercede for us. Believe the good news: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

**P: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God. Amen.**

#### SPECIAL MUSIC

#### STRIPPING OF THE CHURCH

#### TENEBRAE

*Following each reading, we will extinguish a candle and sing "Jesus, Remember Me" UMH# 488.*

SCRIPTURE	John 18:1-11	Margaret McCarter
SCRIPTURE	John 18:12-14	Tim Smith
SCRIPTURE	John 18:15-18	Lisa Bobak
SCRIPTURE	John 18:19-24	Jeff Venables
SCRIPTURE	John 18:25-27	Gabriel Wade
SCRIPTURE	John 18:28-32	Michaela Sanford
SCRIPTURE	John 18:33-38	Isabella Sutton
SCRIPTURE	John 18:38b-40	Michael Wade
SCRIPTURE	John 19:1-11	Randi Venables
SCRIPTURE	John 19:12-16a	Will Shelton
SCRIPTURE	John 19:16b-22	Marinn Pierce
SCRIPTURE	John 19:23-24	Malynda Williams
SCRIPTURE	John 19:25-27	Dorothy Stewart
SCRIPTURE	John 19:28-30	Allie Sutton
SCRIPTURE	John 19:31-37	Marc Sutton
SCRIPTURE	John 19:38-42	Aaron Sandlin
*HYMN	Were You There	UMH# 288

#### \*BENEDICTION

Go in peace. May Jesus Christ, who for our sakes became obedient unto death, even death on a cross, keep you and strengthen you. **Amen.**

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*\*Please stand as you are able.*