

# Holy Wednesday Service

April 5, 2023

Prelude

*O Sacred Head, Now Wounded*

+Hymn

*All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

UMH #280

Gathering

Sacrament of Holy Communion

UMH #15

Responsive Communion Liturgy

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

**This is an open table.** We will receive communion tonight via wafer and individual cups of grape juice. The pastor will indicate when to open and receive the communion wafer, after which you will be invited to form lines to come forward to receive the cup. Once done, you may place your empty cup in the tray as you walk back to your seat. If you would like to receive communion where you are seated, raise your hand when asked to do so.

Communion Music

Prayer after Communion

## Service of Tenebrae

About the Service of Tenebrae

### Betrayal

Jesus Prays in the Garden of Gethseme

Luke 22:39-4

Judas Betrays Jesus with a Kiss

Luke 22:47-53

Peter Denies Knowing Jesus

Luke 22:54-62

+Hymn

*Were you there when they crucified my Lord?*

*Were you there when they crucified my Lord?*

*Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.*

*Were you there when they crucified my Lord?*

*The first candle is extinguished*

### Rejection

Jesus is Examined before the Council and Pilate

Luke 22:66-71, 23:13-25

Jesus Is Led Away to Be Crucified

Luke 23:26-31

Jesus is Mocked by the Leaders and Soldiers

Luke 23:32-38

+Hymn

*Were you there when they pierced him in the side?...*

*The second candle is extinguished*

### Death

Jesus Is Crucified between Two Criminals

Luke 23:39-43

Jesus Commends His Spirit to God

Luke 23:44-46

### Time of Silent Reflection

+Hymn

*Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?...*

*The third candle is extinguished*

Dismissal

Postlude

## About the Service of Tenebrae

The Service of Tenebrae dates back to the early centuries of the Christian church. Tenebrae means “darkness” or “shadows” in Latin, and the service is characterized by the darkening of the sanctuary as we hear the story of Christ’s Passion. No other service in the church year is more biblical, for every spoken word of the Service of Tenebrae is taken directly from the Bible. In our service this evening we will be hearing the story of Christ’s Passion from the Gospel of Luke.

As each candle is extinguished, let us be aware of the ways in which we have betrayed and rejected our Lord that the darkness of the cross may be made real for us. At the end of the service let us maintain a silent and solemn spirit as we leave the sanctuary. Those who wish to remain for a time of prayer and meditation are invited to do so.

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Rev. Jerad Morey  
Bob Henstein, Organist  
NUMC Youth Readers  
Addie Lloyd, Viola

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