

GOOD FRIDAY-- TENEBRAE SERVICE
A SERVICE OF SHADOWS—APRIL 18, 2025 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

Greg Pacquer

(Begins at 7 pm and ends when all 14 candles are lit)

LIGHTING OF CANDLES (during PRELUDE)

Joe Niec and Karen Thomas

Two Acolytes will light the fourteen candles and the central Christ candle. The lighting will proceed from the outside candles towards the center, ensuring neither acolyte goes faster than the other throughout.

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)

1. What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this, O my soul! What wondrous love is this
That caused the Lord of bliss
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul!

3. To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing;
To God and to the Lamb I will sing; To God and to the Lamb,
Who is the great I AM, while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,
While millions join the theme, I will sing.

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

³¹ Jesus said to them, "You will all become deserters because of me this night; for it is written, 'I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.' ³² But after I am raised up, I will go ahead of you to Galilee." ³³ Peter said to him, "Though all become deserters because of you, I will never desert you." ³⁴ Jesus said to him, "Truly I tell you, this very night, before the cock crows, you will deny me three times." ³⁵ Peter said to him, "Even though I must die with you, I will not deny you." And so said all the disciples.

Extinguish the 1st Candle at the most outside

Joe Niec

Cover the Palm Branches with black!

Alex Funk

Silence (Gong)

Bob Clarke

READING 2:

MATTHEW 26:36-46 - Jesus Prays in Gethsemane

Dari Tran

³⁶ Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples, "Sit here while I go over there and pray." ³⁷ He took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be grieved and agitated. ³⁸ Then he said to them, "I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and stay awake with me." ³⁹ And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed, "My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet not what I want but what you want." ⁴⁰ Then he came to the disciples and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, "So, could you not stay awake with me one hour? ⁴¹ Stay awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak."

⁴² Again he went away for the second time and prayed, "My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done." ⁴³ Again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. ⁴⁴ So leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words. ⁴⁵ Then he came to the disciples and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. ⁴⁶ Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand."

Extinguish the 2nd candle.
Turn off the Light on the Picture of Jesus!
Silence (Gong)

Karen Thomas
Scott Baxter
Bob Clarke

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

- 1. Go to dark Gethsemane, ye that feel the tempter's power;
Your Redeemer's conflict see, watch with Him one bitter hour,
Turn not from His griefs away; learn of Jesus Christ to pray.**
- 2. See Him at the judgment hall, beaten, bound, reviled, arraigned;
O the wormwood and the gall! O the pangs His soul sustained!
Shun not suffering, shame, or loss; learn of Christ to bear the cross.**

READING 3:

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

David Funk

⁴⁷ While he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; with him was a large crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the elders of the people. ⁴⁸ Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, "The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him." ⁴⁹ At once he came up to Jesus and said, "Greetings, Rabbi!" and kissed him. ⁵⁰ Jesus said to him, "Friend, do what you are here to do." Then they came and laid hands-on Jesus and arrested him.

⁵¹ Suddenly, one of those with Jesus put his hand on his sword, drew it, and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear. ⁵² Then Jesus said to him, "Put your sword back into its place; for all who take the sword will perish by the sword. ⁵³ Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels? ⁵⁴ But how then would the scriptures be fulfilled, which say it must happen in this way?"

⁵⁵ At that hour Jesus said to the crowds, "Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a bandit? Day after day I sat in the temple teaching, and

you did not arrest me.⁵⁶ But all this has taken place, so that the scriptures of the prophets may be fulfilled.” Then all the disciples deserted him and fled.

Extinguish the 3rd candle
Cover the Piano with black!
Silence (Gong)

Joe Niec
Eileen Newill
Bob Clarke

ANTHEM I

Brentwood Women’s Quartet

READING 4:

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

Cheryl Breitenbucher

⁵⁷ Those who had arrested Jesus took him to Caiaphas the high priest, in whose house the scribes and the elders had gathered. ⁵⁸ But Peter was following him at a distance, as far as the courtyard of the high priest; and going inside, he sat with the guards in order to see how this would end.

⁵⁹ Now the chief priests and the whole council were looking for false testimony against Jesus so that they might put him to death, ⁶⁰ but they found none, though many false witnesses came forward. At last two came forward ⁶¹ and said, “This fellow said, ‘I am able to destroy the temple of God and to build it in three days.’” ⁶² The high priest stood up and said, “Have you no answer? What is it that they testify against you?” ⁶³ But Jesus was silent. Then the high priest said to him, “I put you under oath before the living God, tell us if you are the Messiah, the Son of God.” ⁶⁴ Jesus said to him, “You have said so. But I tell you, from now on you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power and coming on the clouds of heaven.”

⁶⁵ Then the high priest tore his clothes and said, “He has blasphemed! Why do we still need witnesses? You have now heard his blasphemy. ⁶⁶ What is your verdict?” They answered, “He deserves death.” ⁶⁷ Then they spat in his face and struck him; and some slapped him, ⁶⁸ saying, “Prophecy to us, you Messiah! Who is it that struck you?”

Extinguish the 4th candle.
Cover the Baptismal Stand with black!
Silence (Gong)

Karen Thomas
Alex Funk
Bob Clarke

READING 5:

MATTHEW 26:69-75 - Peter’s Denial of Jesus

Gbenga Olayomi

⁶⁹ Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. A servant-girl came to him and said, “You also were with Jesus the Galilean.” ⁷⁰ But he denied it before all of them, saying, “I do not know what you are talking about.” ⁷¹ When he went out to the porch, another servant-girl saw him, and she said to the bystanders, “This man was with Jesus of Nazareth.” ⁷² Again he denied it with an oath, “I do not know the man.” ⁷³ After a little while the bystanders came up and said to Peter, “Certainly you are also one of them, for your accent betrays you.” ⁷⁴ Then he began to curse, and he swore an oath, “I do not know the man!” At that moment the cock crowed.

[✂ Rooster Crowing 3 times Sound]

Dennis Buckley

⁷⁵ Then Peter remembered what Jesus had said: “Before the cock crows, you will deny me three times.” And he went out and wept bitterly.

Extinguish 5th candle!
Turn Off Rear Beam Lights
Silence (Gong)

Joe Niec
Scott Baxter
Bob Clarke

HYMN: “O Sacred Head, Now Wounded” #286 (VS. 1 & 2, UMH)

- 1. O Sacred Head, Now Wounded, with grief and shame weighed down
Now scornfully surrounded with thorns, thine only crown
How pale thou art with anguish, with sore abuse and scorn!
How does that visage languish which once was bright as morn!**
- 1. What thou, my Lord, has suffered was all for sinners’ gain;
Mine, mine was the transgression, but thine the deadly pain.
Lo, here I fall, my Savior! ‘Tis I deserve thy place;
Look on me with thy favor, vouchsafe to me thy grace.**

READING 6:

MATTHEW 27:1-2 - Jesus Brought before Pilate

Dari Tran

27 When morning came, all the chief priests and the elders of the people conferred together against Jesus in order to bring about his death. ² They bound him, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate the governor.

Extinguish the 6th candle!
Silence (Gong)

Karen Thomas
Bob Clarke

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

David Funk

³ When Judas, his betrayer, saw that Jesus was condemned, he repented and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders. ⁴ He said, “I have

sinned by betraying innocent blood.” But they said, “What is that to us? See to it yourself.” ⁵ Throwing down the pieces of silver in the temple, he departed; and he went and hanged himself. ⁶ But the chief priests, taking the pieces of silver, said, “It is not lawful to put them into the treasury, since they are blood money.”

⁷ After conferring together, they used them to buy the potter’s field as a place to bury foreigners. ⁸ For this reason that field has been called the Field of Blood to this day. ⁹ Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah. And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of the one on whom a price had been set, on whom some of the people of Israel had set a price, ¹⁰ and they gave them for the potter’s field, as the Lord commanded me.”

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

¹¹ Now Jesus stood before the governor; and the governor asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” Jesus said, “You say so.” ¹² But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer. ¹³ Then Pilate said to him, “Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?” ¹⁴ But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed.

¹⁵ Now at the festival the governor was accustomed to release a prisoner for the crowd, anyone whom they wanted. ¹⁶ At that time they had a notorious prisoner, called Jesus Barabbas.

¹⁷ So after they had gathered, Pilate said to them, “Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?” ¹⁸ For he realized that it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over. ¹⁹ While he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him, “Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him.” ²⁰ Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed. ²¹ The governor again said to them, “Which of the two do you want me to release for you?” And they said,

“Barabbas!”

(by all 4 narrators)

²² Pilate said to them, “Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?”

All of them said,

“Let him be crucified!”

(by all 4 narrators)

²³ Then he asked, “Why, what evil has he done?” But they shouted all the more,

“Let him be crucified!”

(by all 4 narrators)

So, when Pilate saw that he could do nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took some water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, “I am innocent of this man’s blood; see to it yourselves.” ²⁵ Then the people as a whole answered,

“His blood be on us and on our children!”

(by all 4 narrators)

²⁶ So he released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

Extinguish 8th candle.

Karen Thomas

Cover the Pulpit with black!

Alex Funk

Turn Off Center Beam Lights

Scott Baxter

Silence (Gong)

Bob Clarke

ANTHEM II

Brentwood Women’s Quartet

READING 9:

MATTHEW 27:27-31 - The Soldiers Mock Jesus

Gbenga Olayomi

²⁷ Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor’s headquarters, and they gathered the whole cohort around him. ²⁸ They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, ²⁹ and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on his head. They put a reed in his right hand and knelt before him and mocked him, saying, “Hail, King of the Jews!” ³⁰ They spat on him, and took the reed and struck him on the head. ³¹ After mocking him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.

Extinguish 9th candle!

Joe Niec

Turn Off Front Beam Lights

Scott Baxter

Silence (Gong)

Bob Clarke

READING 10:

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

Dari Tran

³² As they went out, they came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon; they compelled this man to carry his cross. ³³ And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means

Place of a Skull), ³⁴ they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. ³⁵ And they had crucified him on the wooden cross...

[✂ Sound of Hammering nails down on the cross],

Joe Niec

they divided his clothes among themselves by casting lots; ³⁶ then they sat down there and kept watch over him. ³⁷ Over his head they put the charge against him, which read, "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews."

Extinguish 10th candle.

Karen Thomas

Take down "The Life Begins Here" Banner!

Scott Baxter

Turn Off Choir Ceiling Lights

Dennis Buckley

Silence (Gong)

Bob Clarke

HYMN:

"Were You There"

#288 (VS. 1 & 2, UMH)

1. Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble tremble
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
2. Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble) tremble
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

READING 11:

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

David Funk

³⁸ Then two bandits were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁹ Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads ⁴⁰ and saying, "You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross." ⁴¹ In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking him, saying, ⁴² "He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. ⁴³ He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he wants to; for he said, 'I am God's Son.'" ⁴⁴ The bandits who were crucified with him also taunted him in the same way.

Extinguish 11th candle.

Joe Niec

Turn Off Side Lights

Scott Baxter

Silence (Gong)

Bob Clarke

READING 12:

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

Cheryl Breitenbucher

⁴⁵ From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. ⁴⁶ And about three o'clock Jesus cried with a loud voice, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" that is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

Extinguish 12th candle.
Turn Off Choir Spot Lights
Cover the Altar with black!
Silence (Gong)

Karen Thomas
Scott Baxter
Eileen Newill & Alex Funk
Bob Clarke

HYMN: “Were You There” #288 (VS. 3 & 4, UMH)

3. Were you there when they pierced Him in the side?
Were you there when they pierced Him in the side?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble) tremble
Were you there when they pierced Him in the side?
4. Were you there when the sun refused to shine?
Were you there when the sun refused to shine?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble) tremble
Were you there when the sun refused to shine?

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

Gbenga Olayomi

- ¹My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?
Why are you so far from helping me, from the words of my groaning?
- ²O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer;
and by night, but find no rest.
- ³Yet you are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel.
- ¹⁶Dogs are all around me; a company of evildoers encircles me.
My hands and feet have shriveled;
- ¹⁷I can count all my bones. They stare and gloat over me;
- ¹⁸they divide my clothes among themselves,
and for my clothing they cast lots.
- ¹⁹But you, O LORD, do not be far away!
O my help, come quickly to my aid!
- ²⁰Deliver my soul from the sword, my life from the power of the dog!
- ²¹Save me from the mouth of the lion!
- ²²I will tell of your name to my brothers and sisters;
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you:

Extinguish 13th candle.
Turn Off Pulpit Spot & Pulpit Ceiling Lights
Silence (Gong)

Joe Niec
Scott Baxter
Bob Clarke

READING 14:
MATTHEW 27:47-50 The Death of Jesus (2)

Dari Tran

⁴⁷ When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, “This man is calling for Elijah.” ⁴⁸ At once one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink. ⁴⁹ But the others said, “Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him.” ⁵⁰ Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last.

Extinguish 14th candle.

Karen Thomas

✘ Christ candle is suddenly and loudly blown out

Joe Niec

A black drape is thrown over the wooden cross

Scott Baxter

All the Lights are turned off. And darkness prevails.

Dennis Buckley

Silence (Gong three times)

Bob Clarke

Long dark silence...

READING 15:

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

David Funk

⁵¹ At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom.

✘ Sound of fabric ripping.

Dennis Buckley

The earth shook, and the rocks were split.

✘ Loud sounds of earthquake & thunder

Dennis Buckley

⁵² The tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised. ⁵³ After his resurrection they came out of the tombs and entered the holy city and appeared to many.

✘ Sound begins a decrescendo through this next section

Dennis Buckley

READING 16:

MATTHEW 27:54 The Death of Jesus (4)

Cheryl Breitenbucher

⁵⁴ Now when the centurion and those with him, who were keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were terrified and said, (slowly) “Truly this man was God’s Son!”

Silence (Gong)

Bob Clarke

✘ After 10 seconds, the Christ candle is re-lit with the strike of a match.

Joe Niec

Short silence!

For the following readings, readers will use flashlights.

READING 17:

Gbenga Olayomi

The true light that enlightens everyone came into the world through Christ.

(a pause – silently count one to five)

READING 18:

Dari Tran

Though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him.

(a pause – silently count one to five)

READING 19:

David Funk

In him was life, and his life was the light of all

(a pause – silently count one to five)

READING 20:

Cheryl Breitenbucher

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness cannot overcome it.

(a pause – silently count one to five)

HYMN: “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” # 298 (VS 1, 2 & 4, UMH)

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.
4. Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were an offering far too small
love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all

✂ Gong Sound 3 Times

Bob Clarke

Placing Your Stone Beneath the Cross of Jesus

Everyone is invited to 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
Narrators:	David Funk, Dari Tran Gbenga Olayomi, Cheryl Breitenbucher
Acolytes:	Joe Niec, Karen Thomas
Light Controller	Scott Baxter
Gong Sound	Bob Clarke
Stage Coordinator:	Eileen Newill, Alex Funk
Pianist:	Greg Pacquer
Audio/Video/Sound Effects/zoom:	Dennis Buckley
Choir Conductor:	Alivia Logan-Kumagai
Pastor:	Rev. Hyesung Lee