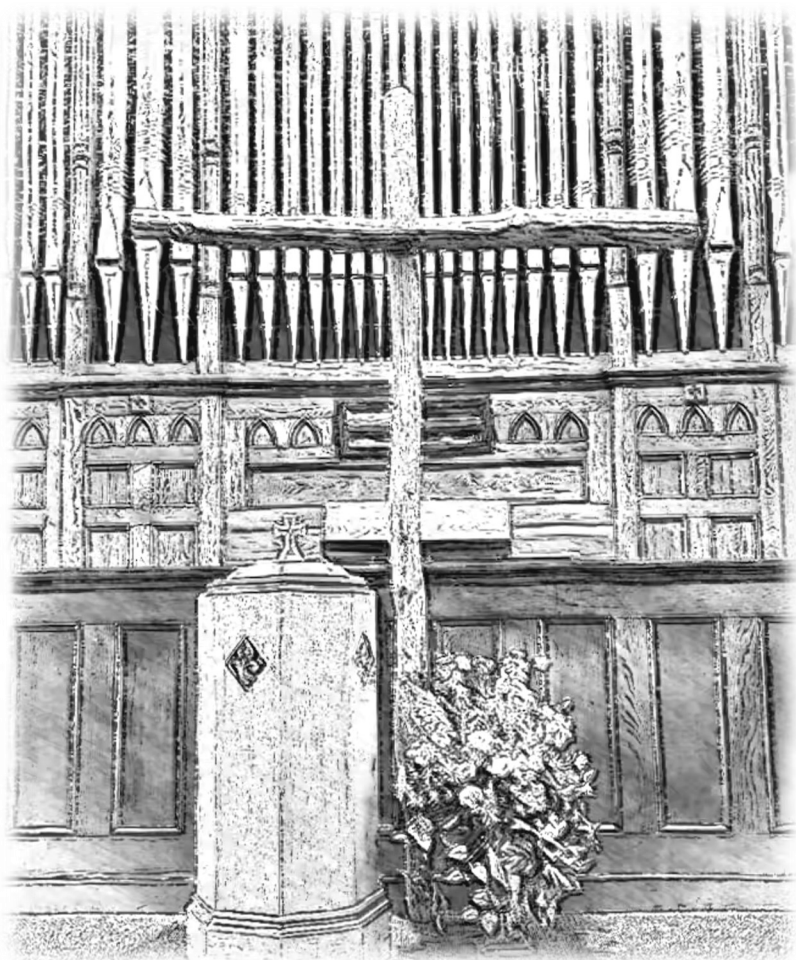


# FRANKLIN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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## Good Friday A Service of Tenebrae

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# WELCOME TO FRANKLIN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH!

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This service of worship is gathering in-person at the church building, in-person via Google Meet, and streaming on YouTube.

This worship aid, or “bulletin,” will guide you through this service, offering you a brief outline and instructions for the service along with the responses, prayers, and lyrics to the songs we will sing together. Congregational responses are typically **bolded**.

Prayer requests can be made by filling out the offering form enclosed with the print bulletins, or by going to **[franklinumc.org/pray](http://franklinumc.org/pray)**. Confidential requests will be sent to the pastor. Non-confidential requests will be distributed to the Prayer Team.

Financial contributions can be made in the offering plate (cash or check made payable to “Franklin United Methodist Church”) or online by going to **[franklinumc.org/give](http://franklinumc.org/give)**.

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## **An Introduction to this Service of Tenebrae**

A Service of Tenebrae, or “Shadows,” is based on a twelfth-century late night/early morning service and is an extended meditation on the passion of Christ. The service includes “lengthening shadows” as candles are extinguished till the sanctuary is near dark at the end.

This service is taken from *The United Methodist Book of Worship* (1992). The 16 readings that tell the story of Christ’s passion is 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.

This worship aid includes all hymns that will be sung during the service, in the order they are going to be sung. It also includes the Lord’s Prayer which will be said communally at the conclusion of the service.

After the Lord’s Prayer, there will be a “postlude” for quiet reflection. The service will end in silence. Please feel free to stay as long as you like to pray and meditate. Leave the sanctuary in silence.

### **WELCOME**

### **PRELUDE**

### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

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

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

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

### **SONG      “O LOVE DIVINE, WHAT HAST THOU DONE”**

*No. 287, UMH (1989)*

O Love divine, what hast thou done!  
The immortal God hath died for me!  
The Father's co-eternal Son  
bore all my sins upon the tree.  
Th'immortal God for me hath died!  
My Lord, my Love, is crucified!

Is crucified for me and you,  
to bring us rebels back to God.  
Believe, believe the record true,  
ye all are bought with Jesus' blood.  
Pardon for all flows from his side:  
My Lord, my Love, is crucified!

Behold him, all ye that pass by,  
the bleeding Prince of life and peace!  
Come, sinners, see your Savior die,  
and say, "Was ever grief like his?"  
Come, feel with me his blood applied:  
My Lord, my Love, is crucified!

## PRAYER

## THE PASSION OF THE CHRIST

## SONG

## “AH, HOLY JESUS”

No. 289, *UMH* (1989)

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!

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.

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.

For me, kind Jesus, was thy incarnation,  
thy mortal sorrow, and thy life's oblation;  
thy death of anguish and thy bitter passion,  
for my salvation.

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.

## SONG

## “LORD, IS IT I?”

No. 3080, W&S (2011)

Who was it who for profit's gain  
betrayed with fond embrace  
The Lamb of God to suffer pain,  
enduring my disgrace?  
Lord, is it I? Lord, is it I?  
Am I the one to blame?  
Is it for me that you must die?  
Is it for me you came?

Who made the crown of vine and thorn?  
Who placed it on his brow?  
Whose angry words of mock and scorn  
are shouted even now?  
Lord, is it I? Lord, is it I?  
Am I the one to blame?  
Is it for me that you must die?  
Is it for me you came?

Who fled that day so fearfully,  
and who denied their Lord?  
Who chose Barabas to go free?  
Who scourged Christ with the sword?  
Lord, is it I? Lord, is it I?  
Am I the one to blame?  
Is it for me that you must die?  
Is it for me you came?

Have I betrayed him, mocked, or fled?  
Have I my Lord denied?  
The cross is raised, but in my stead,  
is Jesus crucified?  
Lord, it is I! Lord, it is I!  
I am the one to blame.  
It is for me you chose to die.  
It is for me you came.

**SONG****“TO MOCK YOUR REIGN, O DEAREST LORD”**No. 285, *UMH* (19889)

To mock your reign, O dearest Lord,  
they made a crown of thorns;  
set you with taunts along that road  
from which no one returns.

They could not know, as we do now,  
how glorious is that crown;  
that thorns would flower upon your brow,  
your sorrows heal our own.

In mock acclaim, O gracious Lord,  
they snatched a purple cloak;  
your passion turned, for all they cared,  
into a soldier's joke.

They could not know, as we do now,  
that though we merit blame,  
you will your robe of mercy throw  
around our naked shame.

A sceptered reed, O patient Lord,  
they thrust into your hand,  
and acted out their grim charade  
to its appointed end.

They could not know, as we do now,  
though empires rise and fall,  
your kingdom shall not cease to grow  
till love embraces all.

**SONG****“ALAS! AND DID MY SAVIOR BLEED”**No. 294, *UMH* (1989)

Alas! and did my Savior bleed,  
and did my Sovereign die?  
Would he devote that sacred head  
for sinners such as I?

Was it for crimes that I have done,  
he groaned upon the tree?  
Amazing pity! Grace unknown!  
And love beyond degree!

Well might the sun in darkness hide,  
and shut its glories in,  
when God, the mighty maker,  
died for his own creature's sin.

Thus might I hide my blushing face  
while his dear cross appears;  
dissolve my heart in thankfulness,  
and melt mine eyes to tears.

But drops of tears can ne'er repay  
the debt of love I owe.  
Here, Lord, I give myself away;  
'tis all that I can do.

## **PASTORAL PRAYER**

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory, forever. Amen.**

## **POSTLUDE**

## **SILENCE**

## **————— EASTER SUNDAY —————**

Easter Sunrise Service

Sunday March 31, 6am  
on the common

Easter Sunday Worship

Sunday March 31, 10am

Community Easter Egg Hunt

Sunday March 31, 11:15 am

# THANK YOU FOR JOINING US!

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We hope that you found, in our community, a place to experience meaningful relationship with God, grow in Christ, and reach out in love to others. We hope that this community has been a place where you feel welcome, acceptance, and love. If you have questions about the church, or are interested in becoming a member of the church, please feel free to contact any of the leaders listed below.

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