



*Living by Faith, Known by Love, A Voice of Hope*



First Church in Windsor, UCC  
April 1, 2021

## **Maundy Thursday Worship with Tenebrae**

**Lent Theme: Through the Window: A Lenten Journey into Holy Mystery**

### **Prelude**

### **Welcome**

### **Call to Worship**

One: We are gathered in the presence of God, who asks us to choose between life and death, between blessing and curse.

Two: **We are gathered here like the people of Israel, who were gathered to choose the way of life.**

One: Like them, we have freedom each day to begin anew by the grace of God.

Two: **By our presence here, we are saying that we choose life.**

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### **Opening Hymn**

*Let Us Break Bread Together*

African American spiritual

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**Let us break bread together on our knees;  
let us break bread together on our knees.**

**When I fall on my knees,  
with my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord, have mercy on me.**

**Let us drink wine together on our knees;  
let us drink wine together on our knees.**

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with my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord, have mercy on me.**

### **Sacrament of Holy Communion**

Invitation

Words of Institution and Prayer of Consecration

Sharing of the Elements

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

O God, by coming to this table, we receive more than we deserve. We give thanks for Jesus Christ, through whom we receive life and in whom we are bound by covenant. Renew us so we may willingly serve as Christ served. Amen

## Hymn

*The Old Rugged Cross*  
Words and music by George Bennard  
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On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross,  
The emblem of suffering and shame;  
And I love that old cross where the dearest and best  
For a world of lost sinners was slain.  
So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,  
Till my trophies at last I lay down.  
I will cling to the old rugged cross,  
And exchange it some day for a crown.

## Introduction to Tenebrae

### Readings and Extinguishing of Lights

<b>First Reading</b>	The Shadow of Betrayal <i>Ms. Jan Stevens</i>	Mark 14:10-13, 16-21
<b>Second Reading</b>	The Shadow of the Agony of the Spirit and Arrest <i>Ms. Carrie Canoni</i>	Luke 22:39-48, 54
<b>Third Reading</b>	The Shadow of Denial <i>Ms. Jen Zirbel</i>	Luke 22:54-62

### Choir Anthem

*By the Waters of the Babylon*  
African American spiritual  
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**By the waters, the waters of Babylon,  
We sat down and wept, and wept, for thee, Zion.  
We remember, we remember, we remember thee, Zion.**

<b>Fourth Reading</b>	The Shadow of Accusation <i>Mr. Bob Bell</i>	Mark 15:1-15
<b>Fifth Reading</b>	The Shadow of Mockery <i>Mr. Bryan Berry</i>	Matthew 27:27-31

## Hymn

### *O Sacred Heart Now Wounded*

Words by Bernard of Clairvaux

Music by Hans Leo Hassler

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**O sacred head, now wounded, with grief and shame weighed down,  
Now scornfully surrounded with thorns, your only crown.  
How pale you are with anguish, with sore abuse and scorn!  
How does your visage languish which once was bright as morn!**

**What language can I borrow to thank you, dearest friend,  
For this your dying sorrow, your pity without end?  
May I be yours forever; and though my days be few,  
O Savior, let me never outlive my love for you!**

## Sixth Reading

The Shadow of Crucifixion

Luke 23:32-43

*Ms. Lynn Andrews*

## Seventh Reading

The Shadow of Death

Mark 15:33-39

*Ms. Carrie Burghoff*

## Anthem

### *Amazing Wondrous Love*

Arr. Jane Frogley

Amazing Love, words and music by Graham Kendrick

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What Wondrous Love, American traditional

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## Eighth Reading

The Shadow of Burial

John 19:38-42

*Judge Kevin Washington*

## Hymn

### *Were You There?*

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**Were you there when they crucified my Lord,  
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?  
O sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble!  
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?**

**Were you there when they laid him in the tomb,  
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?  
O sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble!  
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?**

## **The 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.**

**Lighting of the Christ Candle**

John 1:1-4

Pastor Nicole

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Today's liturgy is adapted from the *Book of Worship, United Church of Christ*.