



UNITED METHODIST CHURCH AT SHRUB OAK

APRIL 3, 2026

GOOD FRIDAY TENEBRAE SERVICE

The service of worship tonight is taken from an early Christian service called Tenebrae. The name Tenebrae is the Latin word for "darkness" or "shadows." Tonight we will experience only a small portion of Christ's pain and suffering the day of His crucifixion.

OPENING PRAISE: O How He Loves You and Me – FWS # 2108

CALL TO WORSHIP:

L: Come, let us gather again in the shadow of the Cross of Christ.

P: We gather to remember the overwhelming evidence of Love's ultimate sacrifice.

L: Who would have guessed that the height and depth, the length and width of God's love might look like this: a forsaken savior on a cross?

P: Certainly not us. Not us, who are too often lost amid the world's distractions and responsibilities. Not us, for whom such love was offered without cost.

L: Let us gather again in the shadow of the Cross of Christ and commit ourselves to remember the price paid. Let us live our lives in a way that indicates why this Friday is called "Good."

P: Thanks be to God, who opened the gates of heaven, that we might have the faith, hope, and love, witnessed in Christ's sacrifice for our salvation. Amen.

OPENING HYMN: O Sacred Head, Now Wounded – UMH #286

OPENING PRAYER: O God of infinite love and power, we gather together on this Good Friday to reflect on the passion of the Christ. We are utterly humbled in the presence of such love and mercy. Open our hearts this day to the goodness of Good Friday, and fill us with your love and powerful Spirit of Holiness. Remove from us all sin. Offer us anew this Life in Christ that makes all things new. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

We all, like sheep, have gone astray. We have all turned to our own way. We have sinned and have been the cause of Christ's suffering. Please forgive us, we pray. Remove the sins that distance us from you and from those we love and care about. Remove our selfishness, our pride, our envy, and our greed. Remove from us our thoughtless acts and words that hurt one another. Remove from us the tendency to hurt others out of revenge and anger. Forgive us please. Create in us a clean heart, O Lord. And renew in us a right spirit. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE:

Hear the Good News: In the name of the compassionate Christ, you are forgiven. For God has declared, "I forgive your evil ways and remember your sins no more!" **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Isaiah 52:13 – 53:12 (NIV)

EARLY CHURCH LETTERS LESSON: Hebrews 10:16-25 (NIV)

HYMN OF PREPARATION: "Were You There" – UMH #288

CONCERNS AND PRAYERS

THE LORDS PRAYER

THE PASSION OF OUR LORD, JESUS CHRIST: John 18:1-19:42

MEDITATION: Paid In Full

CLOSING HYMN: "Above All" (video)

*<https://www.ministrymatters.com/worship/entry/2492/worship-elements-good-friday-2020-option-2>
The Service for Good Friday is from the United Methodist Book of Worship 1992

Please depart from the service tonight in silence. As you leave the service take a stone as a symbol of the stones the people wanted to throw at Jesus through his life, the stones that surrounded him in the tomb and the burdens we lay down at the foot of the cross. But because of Jesus we have hope!!