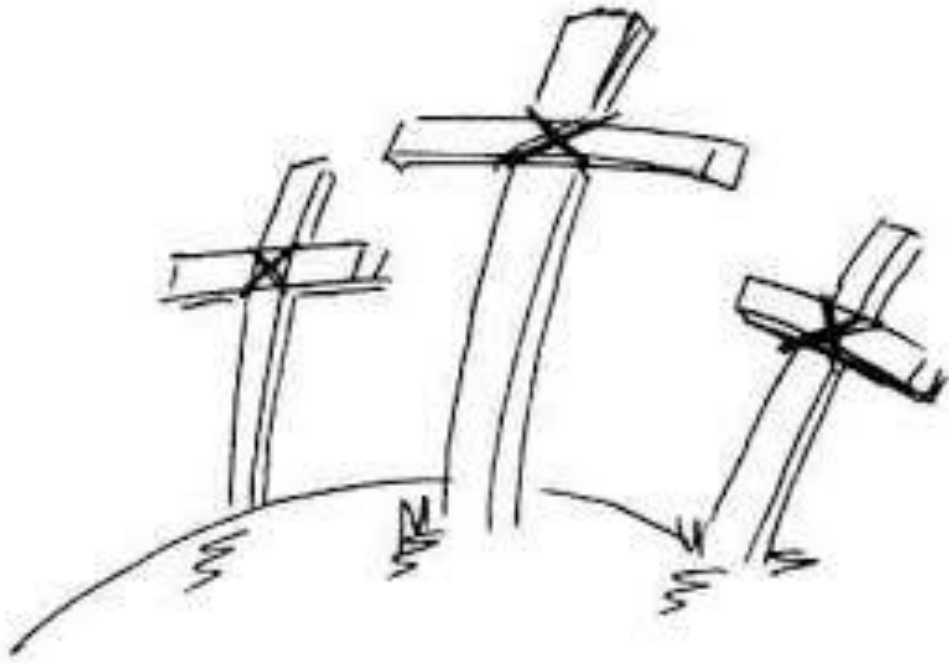


# Ecumenical Good Friday Service



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The mission of the First Presbyterian Church is to be ambassadors for Jesus Christ and to proclaim his salvation in worship, education, and outreach.

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*\*We invite all who are able to stand where there is an asterisk.*

PRELUDE

“Adagio for Strings”

Samuel Barber

WELCOME

Rev. Kidder

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,

The Father of mercies and the god of all consolation who consoles us in our affliction, so that we may be able to console those who are afflicted in the power of the Holy Spirit.

**For just as the sufferings of Christ are abundant for us, so also our consolation is abundant through Christ.**

\*OPENING HYMN #209 “My Song Is Love Unknown”

CONFESSION (In unison)

**Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Jesus said: “Go and sin no more.”

**He says it to us. He says it now.**

In the name of Jesus Christ, I declare to you that your sins are forgiven.

**We praise and thank you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Rev. Melanie Eccles

**Guide us, O God, by Word and Spirit, that in your light we may see light, in your truth find freedom, and in your will discover your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 26:6-13

MEDITATION

Rev. Boone

OFFERING

ANTHEM

“Wash Their Feet”

Pepper Choplin

Christ Lutheran Church Choir

*There one night in the upper room, He laid aside his robe. He wrapped a towel around his waist like a servant's clothes. Then my Master, Lord and King, kneeled to do this amazing thing, He washed their feet. He got down on His knees and washed their feet. Why would my Master, Lord, and King come to do this amazing thing" he washed their feet. The Lord said, "As I come to wash your feet to make you pure and clean, go out now and touch the world, and do what you have seen. Hear my call and live it true, do for them what I do for you. Go, wash their feet. Be a servant, humble and meek, wash their feet." When the Lord left heaven to come down, he laid aside his glory and his crown. He did not cling to power or follow after fame. Still all heaven sings the glory of his name. Be servant humble and true. Wash their feet.*

THE SERVICE OF SHADOWS

The Shadow of Betrayal

Matthew 26:20-25

Rev. Hively

HYMN #218 “Ah, Holy Jesus”

The Shadow of the Agony of Spirit and Arrest

Matthew 26:36-50

Rev. Blake

ANTHEM

“When Jesus Wept”

Early American Text, music arr. Peter Paul Olejar

*When Jesus wept, the falling tear in mercy flowed beyond all bound; when Jesus groaned, a trembling fear seized all the guilty world around.*

Massed Choir

The Shadow of Denial

Matthew 26:69-75

Rev. Eccles

“Mount of Olives” –Rainer Maria Rilke

Rev. Byrd

The Shadow of Accusation

Matthew 27:11-14, 20-29

Rev. Spencer

ANTHEM

“Agnus Dei”

Eugene Butler

*Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis. Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis. Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona nobis pacem.*

(Trans. Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, grant us peace.)

The Shadow of Crucifixion and Humiliation

Matthew 27:31-43

Mr. Zibbell

HYMN #221 “O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”

The Shadow of Death

Matthew 27:45-54

“Letting Go” –Edwina Gateley

Rev. Gilbert

Ms. Martell

SOLO

“Were You There When They Crucified My Lord?”

African American Spiritual

THE CHRIST CANDLE IS REMOVED

The Shadow of Burial

Matthew 27:57-60

Ms. Shaw

\*HYMN #223 “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

\*DISMISSAL

May Jesus Christ who for our sakes became obedient unto death,  
Even death on a cross, keep you and strengthen you.

**Amen.**

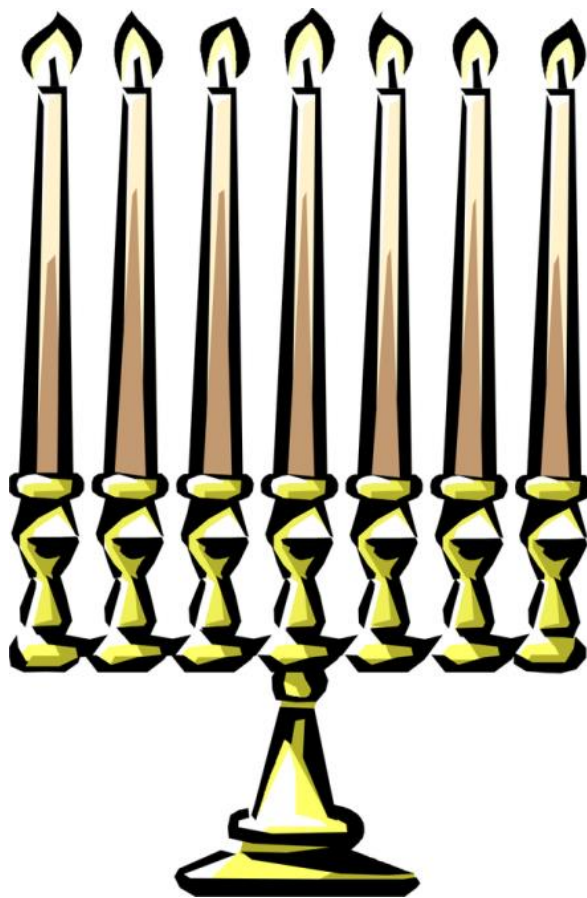
\*The people leave in silence.

## **Tenebrae: A Service of Shadows**

The word “Tenebrae” means darkness or shadows. This type of worship service was begun in monastic communities, but today is used in various denominations throughout the world.

The service is a prolonged meditation on Christ’s suffering. Readings trace the story of Christ’s passion, while music portrays his pathos.

As lights are extinguished, we ponder the depth of Christ’s suffering and the history-changing nature of sacrifice.



## **Musicians and Director of Music Participants:**

Susan Barker, Music Director of First Presbyterian Church of Monroe  
Melanie Eccles, Music Director of Monroe Free Methodist Church  
Joel Luallen, Music Director of Stewart Road Church of God  
Catheryn Windelborn, Music Director of Christ Lutheran Church of Monroe

Singers from the choirs of Christ Lutheran Church, First Presbyterian Church of Monroe, Monroe Alliance Church, Monroe Free Methodist Church, Oaks of Righteousness, and Stewart Road Church of God

Mass Choir Director: Joel Luallen

Soloist: Minnie Epps

Pianist: Susan Downing

Organist: Susan Barker

Acolytes: Nicholas and Steven Todd



## **Participants:**

The Rev. Mark Blake, Monroe Alliance Church

The Rev. Heather Boone, Oaks of Righteousness/Victory Village

The Rev. Joseph Byrd, Stewart Road Church of God

The Revs. Kevin and Melanie Eccles, Monroe Free Methodist Church

The Rev. Michael Gilbert, Erie Presbyterian Church

The Rev. David Hively, Christ Lutheran Church of Monroe

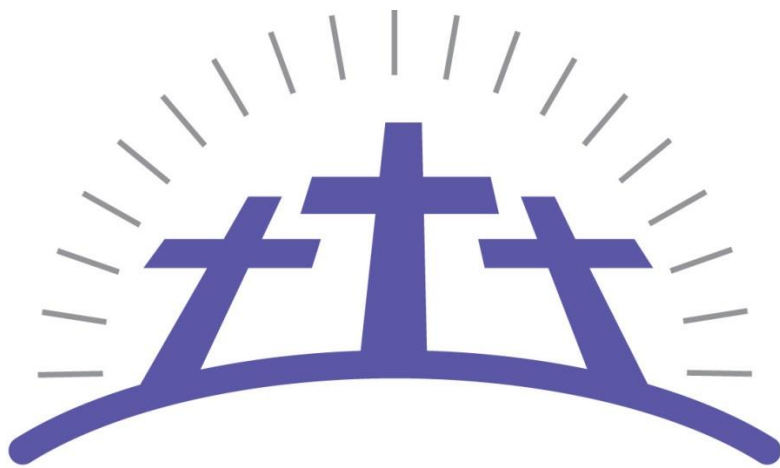
The Rev. Annemarie S. Kidder, First Presbyterian Church of Monroe

Jessica Martell, Frenchtown Missionary Baptist Church

Renee Shaw, Salvation Army of Monroe

The Rev. Kevin Spencer, First Church of God

Elder Jerry Zibbell, LaSalle Presbyterian Church



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