

Moran United Methodist Church

Good Friday Service of Tenebrae

Friday, April 15th at 7:00 p.m.

Prelude

Greeting

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 the world has loved darkness rather than light.

* Hymn "Were You There" (UMH #288)

Patty Johnson

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

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, tremble.

Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

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, tremble.

Were you there when they pierced him in the side?

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, tremble.

Were you there when the sun refused to shine?

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

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Opening Prayer (Pray together in unison)

We stand near the cross, O God — disturbed, distraught, discouraged. Yet we gather here as disciples, those whom Jesus loves. On this day of great solemnity, let us stand as witnesses to your great love for all the world, revealed in the outstretched arms of Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

Sign Presentation "One Lonely Night"

Signer: Gail Allgood; Vocals: Crystal and Cody Natland; Piano: Joanne Brown

Written by Joseph M. Martin © 1992 High Street Music

Prayer of Confession ¹ (Pray together in unison)

We all, like sheep, have gone astray. We have all turned to our own way. We have sinned and fallen short of God's intentions for us. 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.

Words of Assurance ²

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!"

Special Music "He Could Have Called Ten Thousand Angels"

Lis McCrea-Jones

How deep the Father's love for us
 How vast beyond all measure
 That He should give His only Son
 To make a wretch His treasure
 How great the pain of searing loss
 The Father turns His face away
 As wounds which mar the Chosen One
 Bring many sons to glory

Behold the Man upon a cross
 My sin upon His shoulders
 Ashamed I hear my mocking voice
 Call out among the scoffers
 It was my sin that held Him there
 Until it was accomplished
 His dying breath has brought me life
 I know that it is finished

I will not boast in anything
 No gifts, no power, no wisdom
 But I will boast in Jesus Christ
 His death and resurrection
 Why should I gain from His reward
 I cannot give an answer
 But this I know with all my heart
 His wounds have paid my ransom

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The Passion of Jesus Christ

In multiple readings, the story of Jesus' passion from the Gospel of John (John 18:1-19:42). After each reading, a candle is extinguished, followed by a moment of silence for prayer and meditation.

A Time of Silence**Dismissal**

Go in peace. May Jesus Christ, who for our sake became obedient to death, even death on a cross, keep you and strengthen you this night and forever. Amen.

Please leave the service in silence.

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Easter Sunday Services and Activities

Death is not the end! Please join us as we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ on Easter morning – this Sunday, April 17th!

- **Sunrise Service** at 7:00 am (Outdoor at MUMC)
 - **Resurrection Celebration Service** at 10:30 am (In the Sanctuary at MUMC & live-streamed)
 - **Easter Egg Hunt** at 11:45 am - following the 10:30 am service (Outdoor at MUMC)
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Sunday Worship Services – In Person and Online

We have resumed in-person worship services on Sunday mornings at 10:30am! We will also continue to live-stream our worship services on our Facebook page (www.facebook.com/moranchurch) and our church website (www.moranumc.org/live).