



Good Friday

**The United Church of Christ
(Congregational)
SERVICE of TENEBRAE
April 3, 2026—7:30 p.m.**

ORGAN PRELUDE "Ah, Holy Jesus" Crüger

INTROIT "What Wondrous Love is This?" Traditional

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Almighty Father, as we hear your word tonight, look with mercy on this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was content to be betrayed and given up into the hands of sinners and to suffer death upon the cross; who is alive and glorified with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

REFLECTIVE MUSIC

THE PASSION OF OUR LORD

LESSON ONE **Matthew 26:36-46**

Jesus' disciples fall asleep in the Garden of Gethsemane

MUSICAL RESPONSE "Were You There?"

LESSON TWO **Matthew 26:47-56**

Judas betrays Jesus with a kiss

CHORAL RESPONSE "Thirty Pieces of Silver" Beall/Carter

LESSON THREE **Matthew 26:57-68**

Jesus before the Sanhedrin

MUSICAL RESPONSE "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"

LESSON FOUR **Matthew 26:69-75**

Peter's denial

CHORAL RESPONSE "Is It I, Lord?" Kellner

LESSON FIVE **Matthew 27:15-26**

Jesus before Pilate

CHORAL RESPONSE "In Pilate's Hall" Beall/Carter

LESSON SIX

The soldiers mock Jesus

CHORAL REFLECTION "Anthem for Lent" Althouse

LESSON SEVEN **Matthew 27:45-50**

The death of Jesus

LESSON EIGHT **Matthew 27:51-54**

"Surely he was the Son of God"

STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

DISMISSAL

DEPARTURE IN SILENCE

SERVING THIS EVENING

Pastor Rev. Heidi Denman McDougall
Director of Music Tom Foley
Associate Director of Music Mike Elkins
Organist Sharon Heinrich
Sound/Video Jim Heinrich/Doug Thorn



EASTER MORNING WORSHIP

Please join us in celebrating the resurrection!

April 5, 2026

Sunrise Service – 7 A.M.

Indoors due to weather forecast

Easter Breakfast in Pilgrim Hall – between the two services

Traditional Easter Worship – 10:00 A.M.

*Special Music by Chancel Choir, Bells,
Easter Brass Ensemble*