



Good Friday Tenebrae

April 19, 2019
7pm in the Sanctuary

HENNEPIN AVENUE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
511 GROVELAND AVENUE, MINNEAPOLIS MN 55403

The service of Tenebrae, meaning “darkness” or “shadows,” has been practiced by the church since medieval times. Once a service for the monastic community, Tenebrae later became an important part of the worship of the common folk during Holy Week. We join Christians of many generations throughout the world in using the liturgy of Tenebrae.

Tenebrae is a prolonged meditation on Christ’s suffering. Readings trace the story of Christ’s passion, music portrays his pathos, and the power of silence and darkness suggests the drama of this momentous day. As lights are extinguished, we ponder the depth of Christ’s suffering and death; we remember the cataclysmic nature of his sacrifice as we hear the overwhelming sound of the “strepitus;” and there in the darkness, dare we dream to hope? Do we dare to choose love?

Journey Choir: Vivi Adler, Ali Alden-Pope, Ella Alden-Pope, Jacy Demcisak, Jamie Johnson, Ella Kowalczyk, Dana Kenney-Lillejord, Somi Nsude, Lily Williams

Church of Youth: Becca Carroll, Sean Carroll, Megan Dailey, Jenna Holden, Ava Krueger, Julia Scott

Clergy: Rev. Stephanie Escher, Rev. Nate Melcher

Tech: Royd Hanson, Jan Russell

Special Thanks: Communications Team, Facilities Crew, and Youth Families

Where + is indicated, standing or sitting, we praise God.
You are invited to read aloud the **bold text**.

WELCOME

Rev. Nate Melcher

+ CALL TO WORSHIP

Love hangs on a tree and cries out:

Why am I forsaken?

Love bears great pain and cries out:

Forgive them, forgive them all!

Love acts in a new way and cries out:

I thirst for new life!

May the God who hears all cries witness Love on the tree.

+ HYMN No. 269

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days
verses 1, 3, 5

LAND OF REST

LIGHTING THE TENEBRAE CANDLES

Jesus calls twelve disciples to walk the journey with him. Each is given the authority to chase away evil and bring healing to all who are broken. These twelve are...

Simon, who is called Peter
Andrew, Peter's brother
James, the son of Zebedee
John, James's brother
Philip
Nathaniel, also called Bartholomew

Thomas
James the Less
Simon the Zealot
Matthew, the tax collector
Thaddaus, also called Jude
Judas Iscariot

Sent by Love and sent with Love, the twelve were given these instructions for their journey: "Go and share the good news with all who will listen. The Kingdom of Heaven is near, God's Dream is waking to reality, a new Love has arrived. Mend the broken, raise the dead, hug the castaways, and cast out evil and injustice. You have been given much and it has been given to you freely. Go and do likewise with your generous heart.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of the darkest valley, God of the tallest mountaintop, we gather before you in the dim shadow of a cross. We long for resurrection. We wail for peace. We clamor for new life. In this time and place, we pause with care to remember the pain of the cross Jesus witnessed. May we feel you in our own pain. May we live in the tension of Good Friday, and in your Spirit may hope never give in to despair. Hear the words on our hearts now...

SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

THE LITURGY OF TENEBRAE

THE SHADOW OF FORGIVENESS

Luke 23:34

Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, 'Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.'

MEDITATION

Jacy Demcisak,
Jamie Johnson

MUSICAL REFLECTION

Forgive Us By Hannah and Lenora Rand
Dana Kenney-Lillejord, soprano soloist

THE SHADOW OF ASSURANCE

Luke 23:43

Then one of the criminals said, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.' He replied, 'Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.'

HYMN NO. 488

Jesus Remember Me

BERTHIER

THE SHADOW OF LEAVING

John 19:26-27

When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, 'Woman, here is your son.' Then he said to the disciple, 'Here is your mother.' And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

MUSICAL MEDITATION

Vocalise
Julia Scott, Cello

Rachmaninoff

THE SHADOW OF ABANDONMENT

Mark 15:34

When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice, 'Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?' which means, 'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?'

MEDITATION

Ali Alden-Pope

THE SHADOW OF LONGING

John 19:28

When Jesus knew that all was now finished, he said, in order to fulfill the scripture, 'I am thirsty.'

ANTHEM

Pie Jesu

Gabriel Fauré

THE SHADOW OF HOPEFULNESS

John 19:30

A jar full of sour wine was standing there. So they put a sponge full of the wine on a branch of hyssop and held it to his mouth. When Jesus had received the wine, he said, 'It is finished.' Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

VIDEO MEDITATION

THE SHADOW OF DEATH

Luke 23:46

It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, while the sun's light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, 'Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.' Having said this, he breathed his last.

MEDITATION

Rev. Nate Melcher

HYMN NO. 288

Were You There

WERE YOU THERE

STRIPPING THE CHANCEL

ANTHEM

Dona Nobis Pacem

Gregory Norbet

DRAPING THE CROSS

REMOVING THE CHRIST CANDLE

THE DARK SKY AND THE EARTHQUAKE

TOLLING THE BELL

ANTHEM

I Choose Love

Mark A. Miller

DEPART IN SILENCE

Please respect your fellow worshipers and the tone of tenebrae and depart in silence. Thank you.

This spring and summer, you are invited to confront global climate change from a faith perspective during our 9-week series focusing on Green Faith.

Using the book *Green Faith: Mobilizing God's People to Save the Earth* by Fletcher Harper as our guide, the Hennepin community will explore how "God is calling us to live differently" in the age of global climate change. We will explore how we can and must take action to protect Creation, reconnect to nature-based spirituality, and commit more fully to environmental justice.

Every Sunday, you will hear Green Faith-themed sermons on topics like "Many Faiths, One Earth," "The Pale Blue Dot," and "Our Kairos Moment." Throughout the series, we're hosting events and programs to explore Green Faith through art, film, music, food, discussion, and more.

Here is some of what's to come:

Movie & a Meal: *First Daughter and The Black Snake* + Dinner by The Sioux Chef

Saturday, May 4 | 4:30-8:30pm

Tickets at hennepinfirstdaughter.eventbrite.com

Faith to Save the Planet: An Evening with Brian McLaren + Environmental Activists Panel

Sunday, May 12 | 7-9:30pm

Tickets at hennepinmclaren.eventbrite.com

Visit haumc.org for more information, and find details on Facebook @HennepinAveUMC.

Green Faith

Mobilizing God's People
to Save the Earth

A 9-week worship
series starting April 28



SHARE HOPE THIS EASTER

by supporting Hennepin's Outreach Ministries
with your generous gift

Hennepin's Outreach Ministries are wellsprings of hope to people in need here in our neighborhood and around the world. Our Outreach Ministries focus on four key areas of service:

Housing - At The Dignity Center, a team of compassionate volunteer advocates walk every step of the way with people experiencing homelessness as they navigate the path of stability.

Opportunities for Employment and Education - Job counseling at The Dignity Center, annual school supply drives, sponsorships of students in West Africa, and our partnership with the Minnesota Internship Center (MNIC) charter high school are just some of the ways we provide opportunities—and hope.

Plenty of Food - Through Community Meals, Sunday Brunch, MN FoodShare, and Beans for Baiwalla, we share the blessings of plenty through food and fellowship. We feed body and soul from here to Sierra Leone!

Environmental Sustainability - Creation Care is a social justice issue close to the hearts of the Hennepin Community. Watch for our electric car charging stations, coming soon!

Your Easter Outreach Offering helps to heal a broken world. Thank you for giving generously to support Hennepin's Outreach Ministries.

Our Clergy

Judy Zabel
Senior Pastor

Nate Melcher Associate Pastor of
Faith Development

Frenchye Magee
Associate Pastor of Congregational Care &
Invitational Discipleship

Jim McChesney
Pastoral Care/Visitation



HAUMC is a Reconciling congregation and welcomes all persons without regard to age, race, culture, sexual orientation, gender identity, family configuration, religious background, economic status, or developmental and physical ability.

Easter Sunday

7am Sunrise Jazz Worship Service in the Art Gallery

8-10:30am Easter Brunch in the Social Hall

9 & 11am Festival of Resurrection in the Sanctuary

(nursery care available at 9 & 11am)

Missional Parking on Easter Sunday

On Easter Sunday, let's welcome our guests by reserving the Hennepin parking lot for them! If you need to park near the building entrance in one of the handicapped parking spaces, please don't hesitate to do so. But if you can park elsewhere, we invite you to choose one of these alternatives:

- Park for free in the Walker Art Center parking ramp. On your way out of worship, pick up a parking voucher from an usher, or at the front desk. Use the voucher as you exit the ramp.
- Park in the Alliance parking lot just across Groveland Avenue at 400 Clifton Avenue.

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