



MILFORD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

April 18, 2025 | Good Friday | 7:00 PM

A Service of Shadows

Jennifer Lovallo, Pastor

Jeffrey Fornoff, Music Director

PRELUDE "Ah, Holy Jesus" James Pethel

***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 we loved darkness rather than light.

***HYMN** "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence" (verses 1-3) UMH 626

***PRAYER OF CENTERING**

On this darkest of days, we come to you, O God, wondering how to find your will in the midst of tragedy. All the grief and sorrow we have known is rekindled at the cross. The pain is more than we can bear. Where can we find any meaning in all of this? Why must suffering mark the road to salvation? Hear our groaning, O God, and deliver us from the awful cruelty of Calvary. In the precious name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

THE PASSION OF JESUS CHRIST

The Shadow of Betrayal

First Reading

The First Candle is extinguished

Second Reading

The Second Candle is extinguished

Third Reading

The Third Candle is extinguished

Fourth Reading

The Fourth Candle is extinguished

HYMN "Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley" TFWS 2112

Fifth Reading

The Fifth Candle is extinguished

The Shadow of Violence

Sixth Reading

The Sixth Candle is extinguished

Seventh Reading

The Seventh Candle is extinguished

Eighth Reading

The Eighth Candle is extinguished

Ninth Reading

The Ninth Candle is extinguished

Tenth Reading

The Tenth Candle is extinguished

ANTHEM "Fall, Slow Tears" Ruth Elaine Schram

The Shadow of Death

Eleventh Reading

The Eleventh Candle is extinguished

Twelfth Reading

The Twelfth Candle is extinguished

Thirteenth Reading

The Thirteenth Candle is extinguished

Fourteenth Reading

The Fourteenth Candle is extinguished

HYMN "O Love Divine, What Hast Thou Done" UMH 287++

Fifteenth Reading

The Christ Candle is extinguished

Tolling of the Bell

Sixteenth Reading

***CLOSING HYMN** "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" UMH 286++

***DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING**

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

POSTLUDE "He Never Said a Mumbalin' Word" arr. William Farley Smith



GOOD FRIDAY



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Key to abbreviations: OT: Old Testament; NT: New Testament UMH: The United Methodist Hymnal

TFWS: The Faith We Sing ++ Indicates Someone's Favorite Hymn



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