

# Good Friday Service

**First Church**  
First United Methodist Church of Seattle

First United Methodist Church of Seattle is a progressive faith community offering a place to grow spiritually and a refuge of inclusive Christianity. We use our voices and energy to advocate for persons on society's margins and for all God's creation.

**- GATHERING -**

**Prelude** Le Banquet Celeste (The Celestial Banquet) - Olivier Messiaen **Don Crawley, Organist**

**Introduction to the Service**

**Peter Jabin**

*Tenebrae is a Latin word meaning "shadows." The service moves from bright to bleak, symbolizing the apparent victory of the powers of darkness in the suffering and death of Jesus Christ. Together as darkness lingers in this room after the extinguishing of lights, we will walk with Jesus to the tomb, remembering too that even though we are on the other side of the story, crucifixions of God's beloved continue to take place today.*

**\* Opening Hymn** TFWS #2112 "Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley"

Jesus walked this lonesome valley;

He had to walk it by himself.

Oh, nobody else could walk it for him;

He had to walk it by himself.

We must walk this lonesome valley; We have to walk it by ourselves.

Oh nobody else can walk it for us;

We have to walk it by ourselves.

You must go and stand your trial; You have to stand it by yourself.

Oh, nobody else can stand it for you; You have to stand it by yourself.

**Opening Prayer**

**Jerry Roberson**

**- CRUCIFIXIONS -**

*After each reading, a candle, representing the light and life of those being crucified, shall be extinguished followed by a time of silent meditation and Taize chants.*

**Special Music**

***Were You There?* - traditional spiritual**

**Tess Altiveros, soloist**

***Captured***

**Scripture Reading**

**Jesus is betrayed and arrested**

**Jerry Roberson, Martha Oman**

***Silence***

**Taize**

**TFWS 2054 "Nothing Can Trouble" x2**

**Scripture Reading**

**Border Tragedy**

**Martha Oman**

*Silence*

Taize

TFWS 2054 "Nothing Can Trouble" x2

**Targeted**

**Scripture Reading**

**Peter Denies Jesus**

**Craig Mathews, Barbara Moreland**

*Silence*

Taize

TFWS 2198 "Stay With Me" x2

**Scripture Reading**

**Botched Execution**

**Barbara Moreland**

*Silence*

Taize

TFWS 2198 "Stay With Me" x2

**Accused**

**Scripture Reading**

**Jesus is brought before Pilate**

**Peter Jabin, Shawn Smith**

*Silence*

Taize

UMH #488 2198 "Jesus, Remember Me" x2

**Scripture Reading**

**Nex Benedict**

**Rev. Jeremy**

*Silence*

Taize

UMH #488 2198 "Jesus, Remember Me" x2

**Special Music** *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded* - Passion Chorale, setting by Joel Raney

Sanctuary Choir with Elena Denny, cellist; Elisabeth Ellis, director and pianist

**Murdered**

**Scripture Reading**

**Darkness Falls, Jesus dies**

**Peter Jabin, Shawn Smith**

*Silence*

**Hymn**

UMH #285 "To Mock Your Reign, O Dearest Lord" (v.1-2)

**Scripture Reading**

**Jesus is placed in the tomb**

**Craig Mathews**

*Silence*

**Benediction**

*(by Carole Penner)*

**Rev. Jeremy**

*\*All may stand as able.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**Easter Sunday | Sunday, March 31st** - The story continues in our glorious day of Easter, Holy Communion, choral and strings music, and Confirmation for our youth. See you at 10:30am!

**Pride + Faith | April Fellowship:** Join Pride + Faith after church on Sunday, April 14, for festive conversation and delicious Thai food at Golden Singha, 425 Cedar St. Meet in the narthex at 11:45am to walk over together, or meet at the restaurant at 12:00PM. Register with the qr code or visit [firstchurchseattle.org/events](http://firstchurchseattle.org/events)



**Sunday Adult Class:** We've been having some wonderful discussions on heavy topics. Let's turn to faith and humor. In April the book *Between Heaven and Mirth* by Father James Martin will guide our conversations. Consider the sub title: Why joy, humor and laughter are at the heart of spiritual life. Each session will have a different leader. We will meet at 9:00 Sundays, April 7, 14, 21 and 28, in room 301. You may also join via Zoom. Sign up at [firstchurchseattle.org/events](http://firstchurchseattle.org/events)

**Thank you for your offerings and Communication Cards!** You can drop them in the offering plate or make a gift online by using the QR code with your smartphone, or at [FirstChurchSeattle.org/give](http://FirstChurchSeattle.org/give)



## ABOUT US

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We're called "First Church" because we are Seattle's first congregation, established in 1853. We cherish our place in Seattle's past, present, and future. First Church is a proud member of the **Reconciling Ministries Network**, a community "*committed to intersectional justice across and beyond the United Methodist connection, working for the full participation of all LGBTQ+ people throughout the life and leadership of the Church.*"

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