

*Thank you for joining us for worship tonight.
Anderson First UMC invites you to worship with us in-person
on Easter Sunday, March 31, 2024.*

There will be two services:

*A Son-rise service will be held at Davis Park at 7:00 am,
Immediately followed by a breakfast*

*Our Celebration Easter Service will be held in our Downtown
Sanctuary at 10:00 am on March 31.*

If you are unable to worship with us in person on Easter
Sunday, we will be live-streaming the service. It can be
accessed through our Facebook page, Youtube Channel and
our website - www.andersonfirst.org

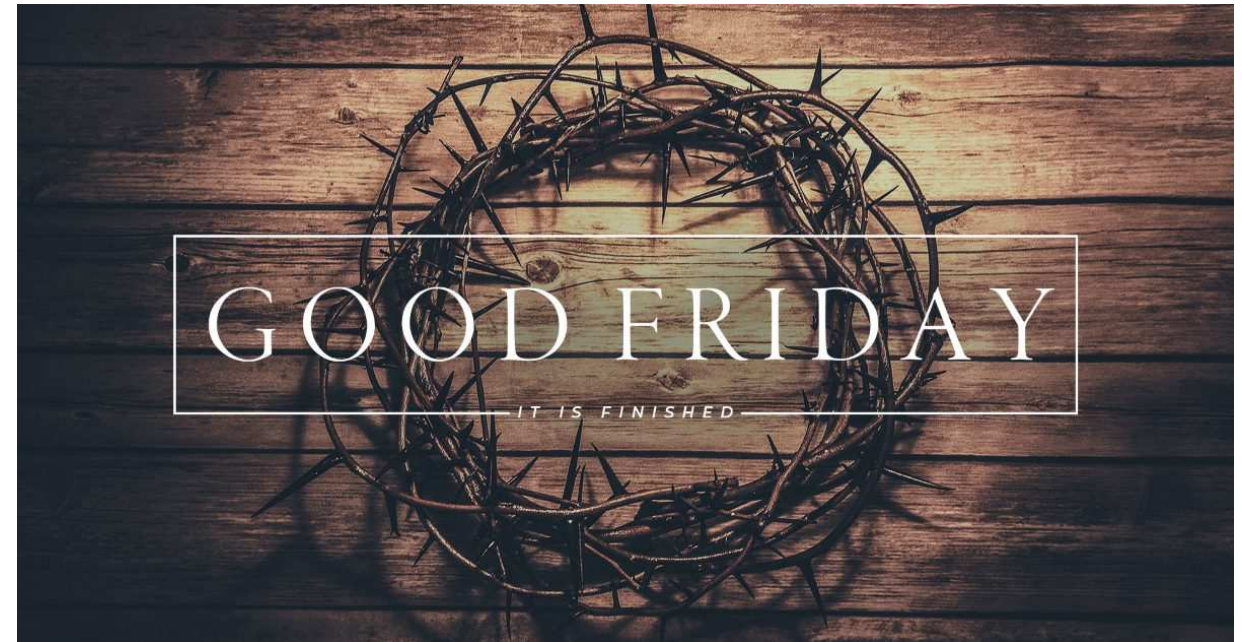
Note: Please contribute as you are able to the AFUMC
Easter Outreach Offering.

In person, place your offerings in the locked collection box
(wooden) at each sanctuary entrance.

Online, go to www.andersonfirst.org/GIVE

Easter Blessings!

Thank you to our ushers: Kathy Kean
Thank you to our greeters: Ann Bull, Pat Walker
Thank you to our dramatist: Richard Cassidy
Thank you to Dave Peter for his help with the candles



Good Friday Tenebrae

Anderson First United Methodist
Church

March 29, 2024



A MEDITATION ON THE PASSION OF CHRIST

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.

THE PRELUDE

"Ah, Holy Jesus"

Susan Finger

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Corinne Boruff

Leader: We bow our heads in silence for words are too difficult to speak when we think about today.

ALL: We bow our heads in silence, in shame at the cruelty that exists in our world.

Leader: We bow our heads in silence to listen to your word, to enable you to speak to us.

ALL: We bow our heads in silence as Jesus did before, during and after the experiences of his life.

Leader: We bow our heads in silence before you. God of the still, small voice, speak to us after the storms of life have done their worst, speak to our hearts with the silence of your love.

ALL: Amen

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord Jesus, we too have said we will stand by you and yet at times we too run away in fear.

We have said that we will love others as you taught and yet many are the times we don't.

We have said we would offer support with our prayers, and yet so often we can be too busy to pray.

Like the disciples, we fear the unknown, we are worried about commitment, and we deny you in our daily lives at work or school.

Lord Jesus, when we face difficult decisions, help us to act responsibly and to act prayerfully.

Give us the courage to stand by you, quietly confident in the faith that you are as much with us as you were with Peter and the disciples. **Amen.**

THE OPENING HYMN "What Wondrous Love Is This" #292

*What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,
what wondrous love is this, O my soul*

*What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul.*

*What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,
what wondrous love is this, O my soul!*

*What wondrous love is this, that caused the Lord of life
to lay aside his crown for my soul, for my soul,
to lay aside his crown for my soul.*

THE PASSION OF JESUS CHRIST

THE BETRAYAL and ARREST John 18:1-12 Mary Brown

THE DENIAL John 18:13-18; 25-27 Frank Later

ANTHEM "Lenten Sanctus" Sanctuary Choir

JESUS BEFORE PILOT John 18:28-38 Candy Short

ANTHEM "O Sacred Head" Sanctuary Choir

THE CROWD CRIES CRUCIFY John 19: 1-7 Sarah Later

ANTHEM "Crucified" Sanctuary Choir

THE CRUCIFIXION John 19: 8-19 Chris Taylor

HYMN "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" #298
*When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of Glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.*

THE DEATH OF JESUS Mark 15:33-37 Brian Jones

CLOSING PRAYER Pastor Corinne Boruff

May Jesus Christ, who for our sake became obedient unto death,
even death on a cross,
keep you and strengthen you, now and forever. Amen.

Please leave the sanctuary in silence. Contemplate this encounter with God and honor Jesus in His time spent in the grave until Easter morning.