



A Service of Tenebrae

A Service of Tenebrae, or "Shadows," is based on a twelfth-century late night/early morning service and is an extended meditation on the passion of Christ. The readings given are by James H. Charlesworth. He accurately translates John 18:1 –19:42, with special sensitivity to Jews, Judaism, Jesus' Jewishness, and the Jewish origins of Christianity.

Unless otherwise noted, please observe a brief moment of silent reflection after each portion is read and each candle is extinguished.

^As the last candle is extinguished, there will be a strepitus—a jarring, discordant chord—from the organ, to represent the anguish and sacrifice of the Crucifixion.^

April 3, 2026

ORDER OF WORSHIP

7:00 PM

Welcome to Christ United Methodist Church

The asterisk(*) indicates for you to stand, only if you are able.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

"Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

arr. S. Kenney
Katie Campbell, organ

PASTORAL GREETING

ENTRANCE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God is light, in whom there is no darkness at all.

People: Jesus Christ is the light of the world.

Leader: And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world,

People: and we loved darkness rather than light.

*OPENING PRAYER^^

Almighty God, graciously to behold this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, and given into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death upon the cross; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN

"Go to Dark Gethsemane"

No. 290, v. 1-3

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

THE FIRST CANDLE

THE SECOND CANDLE

THE THIRD CANDLE

THE FOURTH CANDLE

HYMN

"Ah, Holy Jesus"

No. 289, v. 1-2

THE FIFTH CANDLE

THE SIXTH CANDLE

THE SEVENTH CANDLE

THE EIGHTH CANDLE

HYMN

"Ah, Holy Jesus"

No. 289, v. 3-4

THE NINTH CANDLE

THE TENTH CANDLE

THE ELEVENTH CANDLE

THE TWELFTH CANDLE

*HYMN

"What Wondrous Love Is This"

No. 292, v. 1-3

THE THIRTEENTH CANDLE

THE FOURTEENTH CANDLE

HYMN

"Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed"

No. 294, v. 1-3

MESSAGE

"What Can I Do?"

Rev. Zachary Hopple

HYMN

"Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed"

No. 294, v. 4-5

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LAST CANDLE[^]

THE BURIAL

*HYMN

"Were You There"

No. 288

SENDING FORTH

*DISMISSAL

Please observe an attitude of quiet reflection as we depart.

In lieu of a time of offering, a plate will be provided at the rear of the sanctuary for the collection of this evening's tithes and offerings.

[^]*The United Methodist Book of Worship*. Nashville, United Methodist Publishing House, 1992.

^{^^}*The Book of Common Prayer*. New York, Oxford University Press, 1990.

Liturgist: Marge Kramer

Readers: Bill & Sue Weir

A special thank you to all who help make the worship services possible.



Transforming Lives in the Love of Jesus Christ



As we continue our journey through Holy Week, we invite you to join us for:

SONRISE SERVICE: April 20th, 6:30 AM

"Sonrise" Service at the rose garden (in front of the fellowship hall) to greet the new day and celebrate, "He is risen!". Feel free to bring a lawn chair to sit on. A light breakfast will be served in the fellowship hall afterwards.

EASTER SERVICES

8:30 AM & 11:00 AM - Christ is risen! We celebrate the Resurrection in worship.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

9:45 AM - Free classes for all ages.

Church office will be closed Monday, April 6th, 2026.

Contact Us!

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Preschool Phone: 215-412-7836

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Church Email: secretary@cumclansdale.org
Preschool Website: www.preschoolexpress.org

See our full staff list on our website under "I'm New Here > Our Staff"

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+Electronic Giving is an easy way to ensure that your gifts are reaching the church even when you cannot be present yourself. Visit our church website (www.cumclansdale.org) and click the "Donate" tab in the left column to set up your online giving. You are also welcome to mail your offering to the church.

++If you have a prayer request you can email it to the prayer chain (prayers@cumclansdale.org) or directly to the pastor.

+++To hear the sermon again, please visit our website and under "Get Involved > Worship". To hear any sermons you may have missed in the past, visit our YouTube channel (www.youtube.com/@ChristUMCLansdale).

Sign up for Weekly Emails: Visit our website and fill out the "Weekly Email Sign Up" form on our homepage.

Welcome to Worship



Members, Regular Attendees, and Visitors: please scan the QR code or fill out the attendance slip to record your attendance. Slips may be placed in the offering plates or the basket by the Sanctuary entrance.

First Time Visitors: Please complete a blue "CONNECT" card in the pew rack in front of you; it may be given to the usher or placed in the offertory plates. We invite you to pick up a Welcome Packet at the Welcome Table before you leave.

Children are welcome to stay in worship with you. Additionally, Christ UMC offers a **staffed nursery** for children ages birth through 4 years old during the 8:30 and 11 AM worship services in room 130, in the preschool hallway. An **unstaffed space**, in rooms 120-122 across from the cafe, is available in case you need a quiet place to rock your child or some space to move around. The worship service is broadcasted through a speaker. If you have special needs or need help locating any of these spaces, please see one of our ushers.

Announcements

For more detailed information of each event check out our [weekly emails](#) or www.cumclansdale.org under Events/Sign Ups and Upcoming Events. The QR code will take you directly to the page.

- **New Exercise Class** - The MontCo Office on Aging has a new class: the Arthritis Foundation Exercise Program. You do not need to have an arthritis diagnosis to attend this class. This class is beneficial for all! This program is a 13-week series featuring low-impact exercises designed to improve range-of-motion, increase endurance, and reduce joint pain. Participants can use range of motion equipment including hand weights, resistance loops, and Pilates balls. Join us Fridays, Apr. 17th-July 10th (no class June 19th/July 3rd), 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM.
- **Endowment Fund Project Ideas** - Endowment Fund Project Ideas - We need your ideas for spending the available 2026 funds of approximately \$3,000! The funds can be used for areas of Missions, Christian Education, and Church property improvements that are not covered by the church budget. Scan the QR code to submit your idea. Include as much information about your idea as possible, including estimated cost, your name, and contact information. We will be accepting suggestions through April 13th. Items selected for our 2025 spending included a contribution for the new altar railings, a receptacle for flowers for the columbarium, a contribution for Nativity scene repairs, pans for the Santa breakfast, 8 thermal carafes, and a new kitchen air conditioner. We look forward to your ideas!
- **VBC Registration is OPEN!** - 2026 Vacation Bible Camp: Snowball Mountain Challenge! The theme is similar to the Winter Olympics, except it will take place in summer: July 13-17th, 9 AM-Noon OR 6-8 PM (with dinner). Your children will learn that God is the source of their strength! Children will enjoy engaging Bible stories, crafts, science activities, and games, all while growing in their faith and forming new friendships. VBC is FREE and open for Children 4 years (by Sept. 1, 2026) through completed fifth grade. Children must be potty trained. For more information and to register your child, visit the church website!
- **Mission of the Month** - March MOTM: Tails of Valor, Paws of Honor
April MOTM: Mosaic Norristown



Go to Dark Gethsemane

1. Go to dark Geth - sem - a - ne, ye that feel the
 2. See him at the judg - ment hall, beat - en, bound, re -
 3. Cal - vary's mourn - ful moun - tain climb; there, a - dor - ing
 4. Ear - ly has - ten to the tomb where they laid his

temp - ter's power; your Re - deem - er's con - flict see,
 viled, ar - rained; O the worm - wood and the gall!
 at his feet, mark that mir - a - cle of time,
 breath - less clay; all is sol - i - tude and gloom.

watch with him one bit - ter hour. Turn not from his
 O the pangs his soul sus - tained! Shun not suf - fering,
 God's own sac - ri - fice com - plete. "It is fin - ished!"
 Who has tak - en him a - way? Christ is risen! He

griefs a - way; learn of Je - sus Christ to pray.
 shame, or loss; learn of Christ to bear the cross.
 hear him cry; learn of Je - sus Christ to die.
 meets our eyes; Sav - ior, teach us so to rise.

1. Ah, ho - ly Je - sus, how hast thou of -
 2. Who was the guilt - y? Who brought this up -
 3. Lo, the Good Shep - herd for the sheep is
 4. For me, kind Je - sus, was thy in - car -
 5. There - fore, kind Je - sus, since I can - not

4
 fend - ed, that we to judge thee have in hate pre -
 on thee? A - las, my trea - son, Je - sus, hath un -
 of - fered; the slave hath sin - ned, and the Son hath
 na - tion, thy mor - tal sor - row, and thy life's ob -
 pay thee, I do a - dore thee, and will ev - er

8
 tend - ed? By foes de - rid - ed, by thine own re -
 done thee! 'Twas I, Lord Je - sus, I it was de -
 suf - fered. For our a - tone - ment, while we noth - ing
 la - tion; thy death of an - guish and thy bit - ter
 pray thee, think on thy pit - y and thy love un -

United Methodist Hymnal 289
 WORDS: Johann Heermann, 1630; trans. by Robert S. Bridges, 1899
 MUSIC (HERZLIEBSTER JESU 11 11 11.5): Johann Crüger, 1640

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 ject - ed, O most af - flict - ed!
 nied thee; I cru - ci - fied thee.
 heed - ed, God in - ter - ced - ed.
 pas - sion, for my sal - va - tion.
 swerv - ing, not my de - serv - ing.

What Wondrous Love Is This

1. What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,
 2. What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,
 3. To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing,
 4. And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on,

what won - drous love is this, O my soul! What
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 to God and to the Lamb, I will sing; to
 and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and

won-drous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss to
 won-drous love is this, that caused the Lord of life to
 God and to the Lamb who is the great I AM, while
 when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joy - ful be, and

bear the dread-ful curse for my soul, for my soul, to
 lay a - side his crown for my soul, for my soul, to
 mil-lions join the theme I will sing, I will sing; while
 through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and

WORDS: USA folk hymn
 MUSIC: USA folk hymn; harm. by Paul J. Christiansen, 1955

WONDRIOUS LOVE
 12.9.12.9

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The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff at the top and a bass clef staff at the bottom. The key signature is one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written in four lines between the staves. The melody is primarily in the treble clef, with some accompaniment in the bass clef. The piece ends with a double bar line and a fermata over the final note.

294 Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed

1. A - las! and did my Sav - ior bleed, and
 2. Was it for crimes that I have done, he
 3. Well might the sun in dark - ness hide, and
 4. Thus might I hide my blush - ing face while
 5. But drops of tears can ne'er re - pay the

did my Sov - er - eign die? Would he de - vote that
 groaned up - on the tree? A - maz - ing pit - y!
 shut its glo - ries in, when God, the might - y
 his dear cross ap - pears; dis - solve my heart in
 debt of love I owe. Here, Lord, I give my -

sa - cred head for sin - ners such as I?
 Grace un - known! And love be - yond de - gree!
 mak - er, died for his own crea - ture's sin.
 thank - ful - ness, and melt mine eyes to tears.
 self a - way; 'tis all that I can do.

Were You There

1. Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? (were you
 2. Were you there when they nailed him to the tree? (were you
 3. Were you there when they pierced him in the side? (were you
 4. Were you there when the sun re - fused to shine? (were you
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 there) Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? (were you

Refrain

there) Oh! some - times it caus - es

me to trem - ble, trem - ble, trem - ble. Were you

WORDS: Afro-American spiritual

MUSIC: Afro-American spiritual; adapt. and arr. by William Farley Smith, 1986

WERE YOU THERE

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