



# BROADWAY

## UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

7:00 p.m.

March 25, 2016

### A Tenebrae Service for Good Friday



Jesus  
Walked This  
Lonesome Valley

**Large print bulletins** are available from the ushers.

**Song numbers** with the designation "FS" refer to selections from *The Faith We Sing* books. All other selections are from the *United Methodist Hymnal*.

*Please enter this Holy space quietly.*

**Welcome**

**Scripture Reading** ..... John 18:33-37

**Call to Worship**

When Jesus finished praying in the garden, he went to meet his future — a certain death, a certain betrayal.

**All around Jesus, people ask, “What is truth?”**

He was met by soldiers and false accusers.

**All around Jesus, people ask, “What is truth?”**

Judas kissed away the meals and the miles they had shared together.

**All around Jesus, people ask, “What is truth?”**

Peter tried to protect him from an inevitable and foretold end.

**All around Jesus, people ask, “What is truth?”**

When he couldn’t protect him, Peter’s fear led him to deny him.

**All around Jesus, people ask, “What is truth?”**

From hall to hall and heart to heart, they led him in the dark of night to broken justice and false witnesses.

**All around Jesus, people ask, “What is truth?”**

Pilate questioned his statement: “I came to testify to the truth,” I came to be on the side of truth.

**All around Jesus, people ask, “What is truth?”**

What was Pilate to do since he saw the truth with his eyes, but did not have courage to free it?

**All around Jesus, people ask, “What is truth?”**

Crucify him still rings across time, because truth unrecognized always goes punished.

**And still we’re asking, “What is truth?”**

**\* Opening Hymn: “Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley”**..... FS 2112

\* Please rise, in body or in spirit.

**Bold type** within liturgy indicates congregational response.

**\*Prayer**

**Almighty God, graciously behold this your family, for whom Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, to suffer, to die and now lives and reigns, One God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

**Message: “Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley”**

*We are observers of what the disciples may have experienced on that night after Jesus was taken and they were alone for the first time in years.*

***Judas Iscariot (The Betrayal)***

Congregational Response: **“Were You There”** ..... #288 vs. 1

***Disciple (The Beatitudes)***

Congregational Response: **“Were You There”** ..... #288 vs. 2

***Disciple (Feeding of the thousands)***

Congregational Response: **“Were You There”** ..... #288 vs. 3

***Disciple (The Syrophonecian and the Samaritan Women)***

Congregational Response: **“Were You There”** ..... #288 vs. 4

***Disciple (The Parables)***

Congregational Response: **“Were You There”** ..... #288 vs. 5

***Disciple (The Hemorrhaging woman and the Centurion’s slave)***

Congregational Response: **“What Wondrous Love Is This”** ..... #292 vs. 1

**Disciple (Raising of Lazarus)**

Congregational Response: "What Wondrous Love Is This" ..... #292 vs. 2

**Disciple (The Temple)**

Congregational Response: "What Wondrous Love Is This" ..... #292 vs. 3

**Disciple (Pharisees and Sadducees)**

Congregational Response: "What Wondrous Love Is This" ..... #292 vs. 4

**Disciple (Palm Sunday)**

"Wishing You Were Somehow Here Again" (by Andrew Lloyd Weber)

[Hannah Starr, soloist]

**Disciple (The Kingdom to Come)**

"Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley"

[soloist]

**Peter (The Last Supper)**

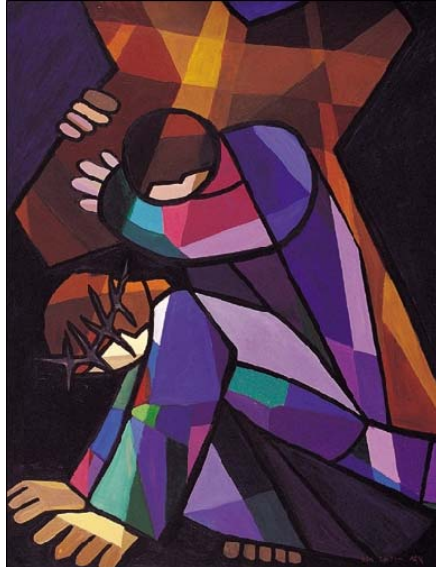
"O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" (by Hassler/harm. by J.S. Bach)

[Tim Barnes, organ]

*During this time, as the music is being played, we are invited to reflect on our own lives — based on what we have heard today. When ready, come forward to put a nail to the cross — symbolizing the many ways in which we continue to hurt Jesus, hurt one another and fail to extend God's welcome to all.*

**Scripture Reading** ..... John 18:38-42

*The last candle is blown out. Altar is stripped. All depart in silence.*



*The service of worship tonight is taken from an early Christian service called Tenebrae. The name Tenebrae is the Latin word for “darkness” or “shadows.” Tonight we will experience only a small portion of Christ’s pain and suffering the day of His crucifixion. One of the most conspicuous features of the service is the gradual extinguishing of candles until only a single candle, considered a symbol of our Lord, remains. As it gets darker and darker we can reflect on the great emotional and physical pain that was very real for Jesus that evening. Toward the end of the service, the Christ candle is hidden, typifying the apparent victory of the forces of evil over good. At the very end, a loud noise is made, symbolizing the earthquake at the time of his death (Matthew 27) and his resurrection (Matthew 28:2). At the moment of the earthquake, the temple veil was torn apart, making the Holy of Holies exposed to public view. This is understood to represent our, now, direct access to God, no longer requiring the ceremonial acts of the priests for our forgiveness of sin. The single candle will be restored to its place, symbolizing the triumph of good over evil. At the end, we all depart this service in silence.*

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Please also join us, to celebrate the RESURRECTION

Sunday, March 27, 2016

SONrise service at 6:40am followed by Easter services at 9:00 and 11:00am

BRUNCH BETWEEN THE TWO SERVICES

# HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE 2016



## Palm Sunday, March 20

Services at 9 and 11 am.



## Maundy Thursday, March 24

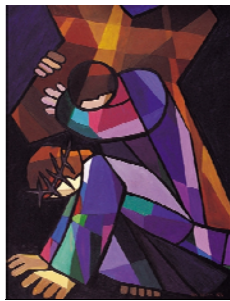
Service at 7pm.

Our evening Worship will be meditative in nature, and you'll be invited to one of three stations where we will wash one another's face, hands, or feet (following the example of Jesus in John 13).



## **All-Night Vigil, 9pm Thursday night to 6am Friday morning.**

A complete night of events, silent meditations, scripture readings and "vigil keeping" occur. Broadway members, friends and guests spend the evening at the church. The purpose of the vigil is symbolic representation of the time Christ spent in the garden of Gethsemane the night before the crucifixion.



## Good Friday, March 25

**Good Friday Walk for Justice at 12noon.** In a world where fear is too often met with more fear, 8th Day Center for Justice continues to confront abusive systems of power with truth, peace, and love. Be Not Afraid, the theme of the 36th annual Good Friday Walk for Justice, is more than a salve for the soul. These words are an active call to meet oppression with solidarity, and despair with hope. When we step out of the shadows of fear and into the light of kinship, we embody the words of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., "Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that." More info at [www.8thdaycenter.org](http://www.8thdaycenter.org)

**Service at Broadway at 7pm.**

## Easter Sunday, March 27

**SONrise Service at 6:40am.** Come in your pjs, your running suit, or your Easter bonnet. **Meet at 6:25am** (sunrise at 6:40am) at the Clock Tower and walk the path to the Lake to enjoy an Easter Sunrise. Here's info on how to join us for the Sunrise Service:

- Take Recreation Drive to the Totem Pole at Addison & Lakeshore Dr.
- Follow the signs north to the Marovitz Golf Course.
- Ample parking in area; bike and walker-friendly. Accessible pathway from parking to Clock Tower to Sea Wall.
- We'll begin at the tower and walk/roll to the sea wall. You may want to bring a blanket to sit on!



**Worship of the Resurrection at 9 and 11am!**

**Easter Celebration Brunch between the church services — all are invited!**

March, 2016



Dear family and friends,

*The small furry, green caterpillar ate its way up the stalk of grass. Slowly, silently it munched its way. The man on the hill watched the caterpillar. For the first time that day he was alone. The man sat silently and watching the caterpillar. What was the man thinking as he watched the caterpillar, this strong, silent man? Who was he? From where had he come? Like the caterpillar, where was he going? What was he meant to do? When would he do it? These were the man's thoughts as he sat watching the caterpillar eat, doing what the caterpillar was meant to do. Some people live quietly, seeking God's will. This man, however, was impatient. He had lived all his life asking God what he must do. As he watched the caterpillar eat, he remembered that soon it would spin its cocoon and die. This was why it was eating the green leaves.*

*Suddenly the man knew. He knew what he had to do. Slowly, he arose and left the hill. The city was crowded with people because it was a great holiday. There was much to see and do. The people went to the temple and to the marketplace. Some of the people even went to the hill where the criminals were hung on heavy crosses. This year the people who visited the hill were especially curious, for one of the criminals to be hung was the loving, rebel preacher, a carpenter from Nazareth.*

*The people shouted when they saw him dragging his cross behind him. "Save yourself, preacher! Remember you are God's son!" they mocked. The man did not reply. Soon all this would be over, he knew. He remembered the last time he had been on that hill, watching the small caterpillar doing what he must do. It was that day he had decided he, too, must do what he needed to do, no matter what the cost. Today there was no caterpillar to watch. Today he was dragging a cross, for soon he must die. The man, however, was not afraid. He was not bitter or discouraged, for he knew that God was with him. That day the man died on the hill called Calvary.*

*Later that night they took his body from the cross, wrapped it in soft white sheets like a cocoon and put it in a tomb. A few days later, when friends of the man went to the tomb, the white sheets lay on the ground, for the man's body was no longer there. The women wondered and began to cry. "Why are you crying?" asked a voice behind them. The women turned, for they thought they recognized the man, but he was different, and on his shoulder rested a small, yellow butterfly.*

*"The Butterfly," Elaine M. Ward, Discipleship Resources*

Whether or not we like this story, we do agree that Easter is the greatest of all God's surprises. It is a time of joyous celebration of new beginnings, new hope, new life and a promise of renewed relationship with God. It is a reminder of God's presence with us always, and therefore gives us the courage to do and to be what we are called to. Like the butterfly, let us let go of all that holds us and binds us and accept the beautiful gift of Easter - the good news of life, of hope and of resurrection.

We look forward to seeing on Easter Sunday so together we can proclaim, "Death Has No Power. **Christ is Risen! Christ is RISEN indeed!**"

God bless you and we can't wait to see you on Easter Sunday,

*Pastors Vernice and Alka and student pastors Taylor and Tonks*

P.S. We can't do this important work without your support. We invite you to make a special contribution towards Broadway's Easter offering here or online at [www.broadwaychurchchicago.com/give](http://www.broadwaychurchchicago.com/give) - *thanks!*

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### BROADWAY'S MISSION STATEMENT

“God calls Broadway United Methodist Church to be a faith community embracing the diversity of our Chicago neighborhood and larger community. We welcome all persons – celebrating the human family’s God-given diversity of race, age, gender, sexual orientation, and physical or mental capacity. We also welcome persons of all social and economic classes and faith backgrounds. At Broadway, we are accepted into God’s nurturing family, which invites us into spiritual growth through worship, study, mission, and social action. We are grateful for the opportunities God gives us to experience and share the love of Christ.”



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