

**Good Friday Order of Worship— 7:30 P.M.**  
**The Shadows or Tenebrae**  
**Salem United Methodist Church, Rev. Dr. Sue Shorb-Sterling, Pastor**  
**St. Paul United Methodist Church, Rev. Jean Lee, Pastor**

**Prelude—“Via Dolorosa” (Dr. Harry Dunstan)**

**Greeting**

**Call To Worship**

Leader: We come this most Holy Night acknowledging our human suffering.

**People:** Crucified One, we seek your mercy and consolations in this time of affliction.

Leader: We come this most Holy Night acknowledging Christ is the Light of the World.

**People:** In our darkest moments, we remember that even the Light of the World experienced our human darkness.

Leader: We come this most Holy Night acknowledging the human suffering of the Christ.

**Opening Song—“Beneath the Cross of Jesus”**

Beneath the cross of Jesus  
I fain would take my stand,  
the shadow of a mighty Rock  
within a weary land;  
a home within the wilderness,  
a rest upon the way,  
from the burning of the noontide heat  
and the burden of the day.

Upon the cross of Jesus  
mine eye at times can see  
the very dying form of One  
who suffered there for me:  
and from my stricken heart with tears  
two wonders I confess,  
the wonders of redeeming love  
and my unworthiness.

**The Shadow of the Betrayal**

Reading: John 18:1–14

**Song—“Go to Dark Gethsemane”**

Go to dark Gethsemane,  
You who feel the tempter's pow'r;  
Your Redeemer's conflict see;  
Watch with Him one bitter hour;  
Turn not from His griefs away;  
Learn of Jesus Christ to pray.

Prayer

**The Shadow of Deception**

Reading: John 18:15–18

**Song—“Take Up The Cross”**

Take up your cross," the Savior said,  
if you would my disciple be;  
take up your cross with willing heart,  
and humbly follow after me."

Prayer

**The Shadow of Trial**

Reading: John 18:19–24

**Song—“Take Up Thy Cross”**

Take up your cross; let not its weight  
fill your weak spirit with alarm;  
Christ's strength shall bear your spirit up  
and brace your heart and nerve your arm.

Prayer

**The Shadow of Denial**

Reading: John 18:25–27

### **Song—“Take Up Thy Cross”**

Take up your cross, heed not the shame,  
Nor let they foolish pride rebel;  
Thy Lord for thee the cross endured.  
To save thy soul from death and hell.

Prayer

### **The Shadow of Truth**

Reading: John 18:28–40

### **Song—“Go To Dark Gethsemane”**

See him in the judgment hall;  
Beaten, bound, reviled, arranged;  
O the worm-wood and the gall!  
O the pangs His soul sustained!  
Shun not suff'ring, shame, or loss;  
Learn of Christ to bear the cross.

Prayer

### **The Shadow of Power**

Reading: John 19:1–16

### **Song—“Were You There When They Crucified My Lord**

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?  
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?  
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Prayer

### **The Shadow of Crucifixion**

Reading: John 19:17–24

## **Song—“Were You There When They Crucified My Lord”**

Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?  
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?  
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

Prayer

## **The Shadow of Death**

Reading: John 19:25–30

Special Music—“Prayer” (a poem by Langston Hughes)  
Composer: Ricky Ian Gordon—Sung by Kay Krekow

I ask you this:  
Which way to go?  
I ask you this:  
Which sin to bear?  
Which crown to put  
Upon my hair?  
I do not know,  
Lord God,  
I do not know.

Prayer

## **The Shadow of Burial**

Reading: John 18:31–42

Silent meditation

Postlude—“God of Grace/Grace Greater Than Our Sin” (Dr. Harry Dunstan)

The people leave in silence