

**Snow Hill United Methodist Church**

March 29, 2018

**A Service of Shadows**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTRODUCTION

PRELUDE

GREETING

Leader: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

*People: Amen*

Leader: Blessed be the name of the Lord our God,

*People: who redeems us from sin and death.*

Leader: For us and for our salvation, Christ became obedient unto death, even death on a cross.

*People: Blessed be the name of the Lord.*

**Congregational Hymn - *What Wondrous Love Is This***

*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 cause the Lord of life to lay aside his crown for my soul, for my soul, to lay aside his crown for my soul.*

*To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing, to God and to the lamb I will sing. To God and to the Lamb, who is the great I AM, while millions join the theme I will sing, I will sing, while millions join the theme I will sing.*

**Prayer for Illumination**

**1. The Shadow of Betrayal**

Reading Matthew 26:20-25

Vocal Response: Duet - *Ah, Holy Jesus*

**2. The Shadow of the Agony of Spirit and Arrest**

Reading Matthew 26:36-50

**Congregational Response - *Go to Dark Gethsemane***

*Go to dark Gethsemane, ye that feel the tempter's power, your Redeemer's conflict se, watch with him one bitter hour. Turn not from his grief's away, learn of Jesus Christ to pray.*

*See him at the judgment hall, beaten, bound, reviled, arraigned. O the wormwood and the gall. O the pangs his soul sustained. Shun not suffering, shame, or loss, learn of Christ to bear the cross.*

*Calvary's mournful mountain climb, there, adoring at his feet, mark that miracle of time. God's own sacrifice complete. "It is finished!" hear him cry, learn of Jesus Christ to die.*

**3. The Shadow of Denial**

Reading Matthew 26:69-75

Response - "Judas, Peter" Poem by Luci Shaw

**4. The Shadow of Accusation**

Reading Matthew 27:11-14, 20-29

Vocal Response - Quartet *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded*

**5. The Shadow of Crucifixion and Humiliation**

Reading Matthew 27:31-43

Instrumental Response - *Beneath the Cross of Jesus*

**6. The Shadow of Death**

Reading Matthew 27:45-54

Choir Response: *'Tis Finished! The Messiah Dies*

**7. The Shadow of Burial**

Reading Matthew 27:57-60

Solo Response - *Were You There?*

*As the music plays, please bring your prayer for forgiveness/change forward and place it on the table holding the cross.*

We sit in silent meditation as we hear the nails pounded.  
Jesus chose the nails for each, and every one of us.

**Congregational Response** *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* (v. 4)  
*Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small. Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.*

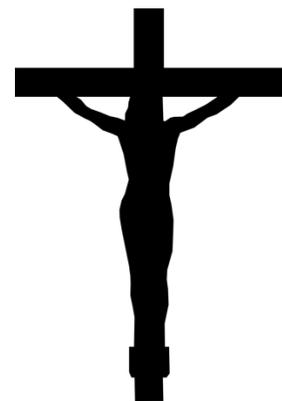
Leave in silence when you are ready.



*The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.  
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:  
He leadeth me beside the still waters.  
He restoreth my soul: He leadeth me in the paths of  
righteousness for His name's sake.  
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow  
of death, I will fear no evil: for Thou art with me;  
Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me.  
Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine  
enemies: Thou anointest my head  
with oil; my cup runneth over.  
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the  
days of my life: and I will dwell in the house  
of the LORD forever.*

- Psalm 23

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**Maundy Thursday  
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