

Dismissal with Blessing

Go in peace.
May Jesus Christ,
who for our sake became obedient unto death,
even death on a cross,
keep you and strengthen you this night
and forever. Amen.

**The congregation is invited to remain for prayer.
Please depart in silence, continuing to the
Stations of the Cross in the Worship Center.**

Leading in Worship

Reverend Ben Crismon—*Senior Pastor*

Reverend Jessica Durand—*Associate Pastor of
Care & Missions*

Reverend Walt Garrett—*Associate Pastor of
Evangelism & Engagement*

Kim Anderson—*Executive Director of Ministries*

Don Kirkindoll—*Director of Music, Worship & the Arts*

Robert Lindley—*Organist & Associate Director of Music*

Trenton Teegarden—*Associate Director of Music:
Modern, Children & Youth*

Savannah & Walker Morledge~ *Acolytes*



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by scanning the QR code.
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a form will open. Please provide infor-
mation requested.)*

stations

OF THE CROSS

STATIONS OF THE CROSS WILL BE
OPEN IN THE WORSHIP CENTER
FOLLOWING TONIGHT'S SERVICE
UNTIL 8PM. THIS SELF-GUIDED
JOURNEY THROUGH JESUS' FINAL
DAYS FEATURES 14 STATIONS, EACH
EXHIBITING SCRIPTURE READINGS,
VISUAL REPRESENTATIONS, AND
MEANINGFUL TOKENS DESIGNED TO
PROVIDE A POWERFUL TIME OF
REFLECTION AND PRAYER.

easter

SUNDAY

SATURDAY, APRIL 4
5:30 PM
REV. BEN CRISMON

SUNDAY, APRIL 5
8:30 AM, 9:30 AM*,
11:00 AM*

*LIVESTREAMED

ST. JAMES UMC
TO KNOW CHRIST, AND
TO MAKE HIM KNOWN

FOLLOW US!
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FRIDAY

APRIL 3, 2026

Service of Tenebrae

April 3, 2026

A loud noise, known as a strepitus, will be heard after the last three Gospel lessons. The strepitus represents the crucifixion, death, and burial of Jesus.

Words of Welcome

Opening Voluntary Gilbert Martin
When Jesus Wept

† Call to Worship

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

All: Jesus Christ is the light of the world.

One: And this is the judgement, that the light has come into the world,

All: and we loved darkness rather than light.

One: On this Good Friday,
we contemplate the good news of the cross:
how Christ our Lord stretched out his arms
to embrace a world of suffering and sin;

**All: How Christ our Lord stretched out his arms
to save us.**

One: Come and see the beloved Son of God,
Savior of the world.

All: He is lifted high—upon a cross.

† **Opening Hymn** (ST. CHRISTOPHER) UMH 297
Beneath the Cross of Jesus

Prayer for Illumination

**All: In the darkness of this hour, Lord be our light.
By the breath of your Spirit, whisper the Word
of life that death cannot destroy:
Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

Hymn UMH 290
Go to Dark Gethsemane, vs. 1
Bob Stobaugh, *baritone*
Chancel Choir & Congregation

First Gospel Lesson
Jesus Prays in Gethsemane Mark 14:32-42

Hymn UMH 289
Ah, Holy Jesus, vs. 1

Second Gospel Lesson
The Betrayal and Arrest of Jesus Mark 14:43-52

Solo
Go to Dark Gethsemane, vs. 2
Bob Stobaugh, *baritone*; *Chancel Choir*

Third Gospel Lesson
Jesus Before the Council Mark 14:53-65

Hymn UMH 289
Ah, Holy Jesus, vs. 2

Fourth Gospel Lesson
Peter Denies Jesus Mark 14:66-72

Hymn UMH 292
What Wondrous Love Is This, vs. 2

Fifth Gospel Lesson
Jesus Before Pilate Mark 15:1-5

Hymn UMH 286
O Sacred Head, Now Wounded, vs. 1

Sixth Gospel Lesson
Pilate Hands Jesus Over to Be Crucified Mark 15:6-15

Hymn UMH 285
To Mock Your Reign, O Dearest Lord. vss. 1 & 2

Seventh Gospel Lesson
The Soldiers Mock Jesus Mark 15:16-20

Solo
Go to Dark Gethsemane, vs. 3
Bob Stobaugh, *baritone*

Eighth Gospel Lesson
The Crucifixion of Jesus Mark 15:21-32

Anthem Craig Courtney
Thy Will Be Done
Chancel Choir

Ninth Gospel Lesson
The Death of Jesus Mark 15:33-41

Anthem John Stainer
God So Loved the World, from *The Crucifixion*
Chancel Choir

Tenth Gospel Lesson
The Burial of Jesus Mark 15:42-47

Solo Traditional Spiritual
Were You There
Don Kirkindoll, *baritone*