

A SERVICE OF TENEBRAE
Aldersgate UMC of Butte, Montana
Friday, April 15, 2022
5:30pm

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.

INVITATION TO CENTERING (5:30 pm) Matthias Krier

LIGHTING OF CANDLES Acolytes

(Folks invited to write down sins or things they need to let go of ... then place them on the cross, at this time or at the end of the service.)

GREETING *(responsively)* Chuck Kestle

God is light, in whom there is no darkness at all.
Jesus Christ is the light of the world.

And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world,
and we loved darkness rather than light.

SPECIAL MUSIC Chancel Choir
"The Accursed Tree"
By: Maxcine Woodbridge Posegate
(Readers not in choir transfer to seats behind the pulpit)

PRAYER Pastor Matthias

Almighty God, graciously behold this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed 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.

THE PASSION OF JESUS CHRIST

(JOHN 18:1–19:42)

Reading # 1 – Matthias Krier

The first candle is extinguished.

Reading # 2 - Chuck Kestle	<i>The second candle is extinguished.</i>
Reading # 3 - Arlene Timmer	<i>The third candle is extinguished.</i>
Reading # 4 - Janet Fletcher-Rich	<i>The fourth candle is extinguished.</i>
Reading # 5 - Kourtney Hunking	<i>The fifth candle is extinguished.</i>
Reading # 6 - Sharon Smith	<i>The sixth candle is extinguished.</i>
Reading # 7 - Georgia Heaphy	<i>The seventh candle is extinguished.</i>
Reading # 8 - Ed Dobb	<i>The eighth candle is extinguished.</i>
Reading # 9 - Burt Todd	<i>The ninth candle is extinguished.</i>
Reading # 10 - Ronda Cherry	<i>The tenth candle is extinguished.</i>
Reading # 11 – Chuck Kestle	<i>The eleventh candle is extinguished.</i>
Reading # 12 – Riley Lubick	<i>The twelfth candle is extinguished.</i>
Reading # 13 - Judy Reel	<i>The thirteenth candle is extinguished.</i>
Reading # 14 – Jyl Duffy	<i>The fourteenth candle is extinguished.</i>
Reading # 15 - Brad Belke	<i>Christ candle is extinguished and removed.</i>
Reading # 16 – Terri Belke	

Special Music

Fred Crase
Were You There
(Recording)

DISMISSAL

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 for ever. Amen.

The room now remains barren until Easter. Please leave in silence for those remaining in prayer.