A SERVICE OF TENEBRAE
Aldersgate UMC of Butte, Montana
Friday, April 2, 2021
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 Matthias Krier

LIGHTING OF CANDLES Acolytes/ushers

(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

Thy Will Be Done
Craig Courtney

PRAYER
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 - Janet Rich *The second candle is extinguished.*

Reading # 3 - Fred Crase *The third candle is extinguished.*

Reading # 4 - Ronda Cherry *The fourth candle is extinguished.*

Reading # 5 - Chuck Kestle *The fifth candle is extinguished.*

Reading # 6 - Sharon Smith *The sixth candle is extinguished.*

Reading # 7 - Ron Kuecks *The seventh candle is extinguished.*

Reading # 8 - Georgia Heaphy *The eighth candle is extinguished.*

Reading # 9 - Dawnne Woodie *The ninth candle is extinguished.*

Reading # 10 - Burt Todd *The tenth candle is extinguished.*

SPECIAL MUSIC Dawnne Woodie
Watch the Lamb
Ray Boltz

Reading # 11 – Vicki Kestle *The eleventh candle is extinguished.*

Reading # 12 – Kourtney Hunking *The twelfth candle is extinguished.*

Reading # 13 - Chuck Kestle *The thirteenth candle is extinguished.*

Reading # 14 – Judy Reel *The fourteenth candle is extinguished.*

Reading # 15 - Brad Belke *Christ candle is extinguished and removed.*

Reading # 16 – Terri Belke

Special Music Fred Crase (Using Audio Recording)
Were You There

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.

Silence. The room now remains barren until the Easter Vigil.