

# *New Life Presbyterian Church*

Embrace God's Beauty  
Extend God's Love

For  
God  
so  
loved  
the world, that he gave his  
only begotten Son, that  
whosoever  
believeth  
in him  
should not  
perish,  
but have  
everlasting  
life.

John 3:16 (KJV)

# Good Friday Tenebrae Service

6:30pm, March 29<sup>th</sup> 2024

*The service of Tenebrae, meaning “darkness” or “shadows,” has been practiced by the church since medieval times. Today we join Christians of many generations throughout the world in using the Tenebrae format. Tenebrae is a prolonged meditation on Christ’s suffering and death, for us and for our salvation.*

## Welcome!

*A special welcome to our brothers and sisters from Canadochly Evangelical & Reformed Church. We are delighted to gather together jointly to worship our crucified and risen Lord!*

## Reflections:

*Death, be not proud, though some have called thee  
Mighty and dreadful, for thou art not so;  
For those whom thou think'st thou dost overthrow  
Die not, poor Death, nor yet canst thou kill me.  
From rest and sleep, which but thy pictures be,  
Much pleasure; then from thee much more must flow,  
And soonest our best men with thee do go,  
Rest of their bones, and soul's delivery.  
Thou art slave to fate, chance, kings, and desperate men,  
And dost with poison, war, and sickness dwell,  
And poppy or charms can make us sleep as well  
And better than thy stroke; why swell'st thou then?  
One short sleep past, we wake eternally  
And death shall be no more; Death, thou shalt die.*

- John Donne

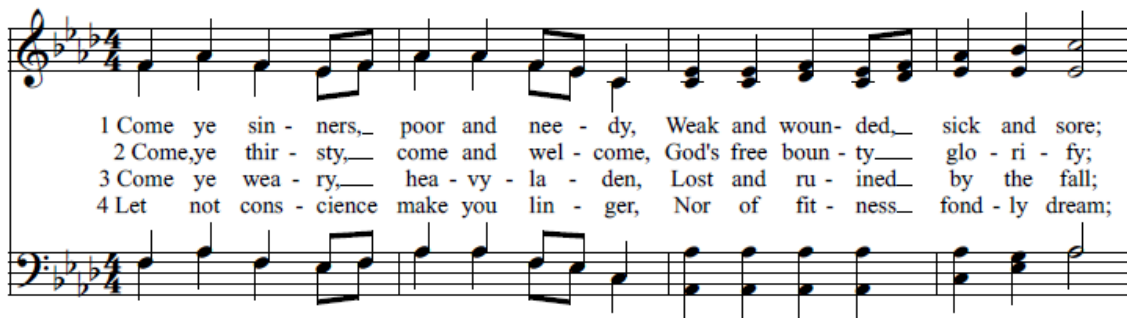
*By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us,  
and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers.*

- The Apostle John

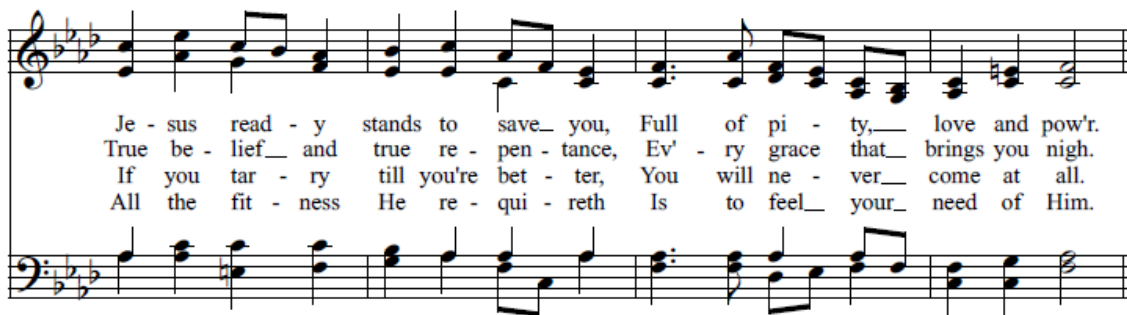
Welcome

Pastor Erik Swanson

# Congregational Song of Gathering - Come Ye Sinners

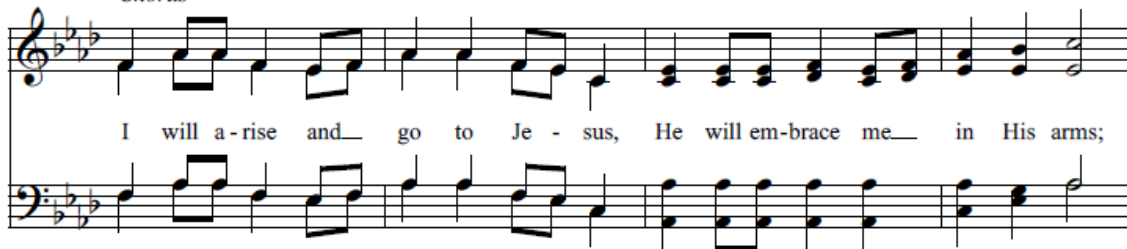


1 Come ye sin - ners, poor and nee - dy, Weak and woun - ded, sick and sore;  
2 Come, ye thir - sty, come and wel - come, God's free boun - ty, glo - ri - fy;  
3 Come ye wea - ry, hea - vy - la - den, Lost and ru - ined by the fall;  
4 Let not cons - cience make you lin - ger, Nor of fit - ness fond - ly dream;

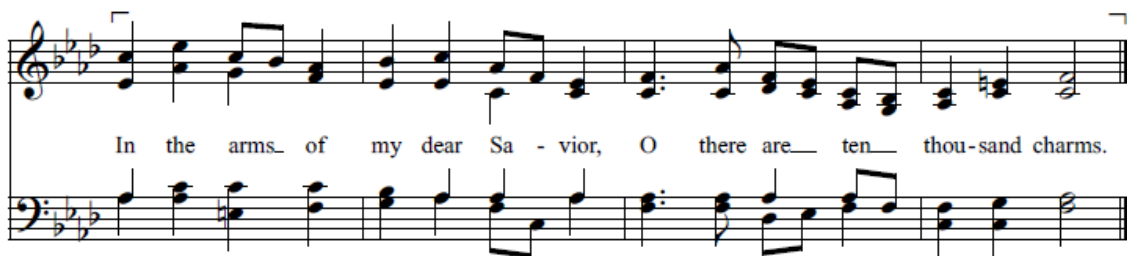


Je - sus read - y stands to save you, Full of pi - ty, love and pow'r.  
True be - lief and true re - pen - tance, Ev' - ry grace that brings you nigh.  
If you tar - ry till you're bet - ter, You will ne - ver come at all.  
All the fit - ness He re - qui - reth Is to feel your need of Him.

## Chorus



I will a - rise and go to Je - sus, He will em - brace me in His arms;



In the arms of my dear Sa - vior, O there are ten thou - sand charms.

## Call to Worship and Gathering Prayer - Psalm 16

Minister: The light has come into the world,  
and the world loved darkness rather than light.

**People: God sent the Son into the world,  
not to condemn the world,  
but that the world might be saved through him.**

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them unto the Lord.**

## The Gospel Foretold – Genesis 3:15

*Erik Swanson*

### Song – Here I Am to Worship

#### Verse 1

Light of the world  
You stepped down into darkness  
Opened my eyes let me see  
Beauty that made  
This heart adore You  
Hope of a life spent with You

#### Chorus

So here I am to worship  
Here I am to bow down  
Here I am to say that You're my God  
And You're altogether lovely  
Altogether worthy  
Altogether wonderful to me

#### Verse 2

King of all days  
Oh so highly exalted  
Glorious in heaven above  
Humbly You came  
To the earth You created  
All for love's sake became poor

#### Chorus

#### Bridge

And I'll never know how much it cost  
To see my sin upon that cross  
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#### Chorus

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**The Shadow of Betrayal – Luke 22:1-6**

*Sue Vester*

Reader: God showed his love for us in this: Christ died for us!

**Congregation: Thanks be to God!**

*(First candle is extinguished)*

**The Shadow of Anguish – Luke 22:39-46**

*Sid Martin*

Reader: God showed his love for us in this: Christ died for us!

**Congregation: Thanks be to God!**

*(Second candle is extinguished)*

# Song – What Wondrous Love Is This?

Dm
Am
C
Em
Dm
C
Dm
Dm<sup>7</sup>
C
F

1. What won - drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul, what  
 2. To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing, to  
 3. And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and

C
Bm
Am
G
Am
G
C
Dm
C
F
C
F
C

won - drous love is this, O my soul! What won - drous love is  
 God and to the Lamb, I will sing; to God and to the  
 when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and when from death I'm

Dm
C
Am
Bm<sup>7</sup>
C
Dm
Am
Em
Dm
C

this that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dread - ful curse for my  
 Lamb, who is the great I AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will  
 free, I'll sing and joy - ful be, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing

Dm
Dm<sup>7</sup>
C
F
C
Bm
Am
G
Am
G
C
Dm
F

soul, for my soul, to bear the dread - ful curse for my soul!  
 sing, I will sing, while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing!  
 on, I'll sing on, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on!

Reader: God showed his love for us in this: Christ died for us!

**Congregation: Thanks be to God!**

*(Third candle is extinguished)*

Reader: God showed his love for us in this: Christ died for us!

**Congregation: Thanks be to God!**

*(Fourth candle is extinguished)*

**Corporate Prayer of Confession –**

**Lord Jesus, like Peter, we have on occasion denied you; and like the other disciples, we have at times forsaken you. Yet you remain faithful to us unto death, even death on a cross. Thank you for your forgiveness and mercy. We trust you, and we confess that we have not walked in full obedience and love. Forgive us, we pray. And we ask that you strengthen us so that we do not turn aside but follow you to the very end – for the final victory belongs to you. Amen.**

**Time of Silent Prayer and Confession**

Song – Ah, Holy Jesus

1. Ah, ho - ly Je - sus, how hast thou of - fen - ded,  
 2. Who was the guil - ty? Who brought this up - on thee?  
 3. Lo, the Good Shep - herd for the sheep is of - fered;  
 4. For me, kind Je - sus, was thy in - car - na - tion,  
 5. There - fore, kind Je - sus, since I can - not pay thee,

that we to judge thee have in hate pre - ten - ded? By  
 A - las, my trea - son, Je - sus, hath un - done thee! 'Twas  
 the slave hath sin - ned, and the Son hath suf - fered. For  
 thy mor - tal sor - row, and thy life's o - bla - tion; thy  
 I do a - dore thee, and will e - ver pray thee, think

foes de - ri - ded, by thine own re - jec - ted, O most af - flic - ted!  
 I, Lord Je - sus, I it was de - nied thee; I cru - ci - fied thee.  
 our a - tone - ment, while we noth - ing heed - ed, God in - ter - ce - ded.  
 death of an - guish and thy bit - ter pas - sion, for my sal - va - tion.  
 on thy pi - ty and thy love un - answer - ing, not my de - ser - ving.



Reader: God showed his love for us in this: Christ died for us!

**Congregation: Thanks be to God!**

*(Fifth candle is extinguished)*

# Song – O Sacred Head Now Wounded

1. O sa - cred Head, now wound - ed, with grief and shame weighed down;  
2. What thou, my Lord, hast suf - fered was all for sin - ners' gain;  
3. What lan - guage shall I bor - row to thank thee, dear - est Friend,

now scorn - ful - ly sur - round - ed with thorns, thine on - ly crown;  
mine, mine was the trans - gres - sion, but thine the dead - ly pain.  
for this, thy dy - ing sor - row, thy pit - y with - out end?

O sa - cred Head, what glo - ry, what bliss till now was thine!  
Lo, here I fall, my Sav - ior! 'Tis I de - serve thy place;  
O make me thine for - ev - er; and should I faint - ing be,

Yet, though de - spised and gor - y, I joy to call thee mine.  
look on me with thy fa - vor, vouch - safe to me thy grace.  
Lord, let me nev - er, nev - er out - live my love to thee.

Reader: God showed his love for us in this: Christ died for us!

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

*(Sixth candle is extinguished)*

Song – Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted

1. Strick-en, smitt-en, and a - fflic - ted, See Him dy - ing on the tree!  
 2. Tell me, ye who hear Him groan - ing, Was there e - ver grief like His?  
 3. Ye who think of sin but light - ly, Nor sup - pose the ev - il great,  
 4. Here we have a firm foun - da - tion, Here the re - fuge of the lost.

'Tis the Christ by man re - ject - ed; Yes, my soul, 'tis He, 'tis He!  
 Friends through fear His cause dis - own - ing, Foes in - sul - ting his dis - tress:  
 Here may view its na - ture right - ly, Here its guilt may est - i - mate.  
 Christ the Rock of our sal - va - tion, Christ the Name of which we boast.

'Tis the long ex - pec - ted pro - phet, Da - vid's Son, yet Da - vid's Lord;  
 Man - y hands were raised to wound Him, None would in - ter - pose to save;  
 Mark the Sac - ri - fice ap - point - ed! See Who bears the aw - ful load!  
 Lamb of God for sin - ners wound - ed! Sac - ri - fice to can - cel guilt!

Proofs I see su - ffic - ient of it: 'Tis a true and faith - ful Word.  
 But the deep - est stroke that pierced Him Was the stroke that Jus - tice gave.  
 'Tis the Word, the Lord's A - noint - ed, Son of Man, and Son of God.  
 None shall ev - er be con - found - ed Who on Him their hope have built.

Reader: God showed his love for us in this: Christ died for us!

**Congregation: Thanks be to God!**

*(Seventh candle is extinguished)*

### **Silent Meditation and Prayer**

**Solo –** *Were You There?*

*Jim Spark*

### **Closing Song**

**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.**

### **Dismissal**

Leader:           May Jesus Christ,  
                          who for our sake became obedient unto death,  
                          even death on a cross,  
                          keep you and strengthen you.

**Congregation: Amen.**

*Please depart the sanctuary in silence.*

*At the close of the service, you are invited to the fellowship hall for a time of fellowship, if you so choose. You may also prefer to depart in silence and meditation.*