

April 17, 2025 6:00 p.m.
Maundy Thursday
Liturgical Color – Purple

Facing the Shadows



Welcome!

Asbury – St. James United Methodist Church
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Reverend Timothy G. Shaw
Church Lay Leader: Luke Shaw
Musician: Herb Spear

Prelude

Welcome and Invocation

Rev. Shaw

*Call to Worship

PASTOR: On this night, we gather to remember.

PEOPLE: **We open our hearts and minds to relive the pain and victory which became for us the doorway to the eternal.**

PASTOR: We recognize the Shadows which encroach on every life and meditate on that moment when the Shadows seemed to extinguish the Light entirely.

PEOPLE: **We come in awe and in worship, for the darkness had never, and will never, overcome the Light revealed in the human life and death of Jesus Christ.**

PASTOR: On this night, we remember and reflect.

Special Music: "What Wondrous Love is This"

Men's Trio

*Prayer for the Holy Gathering

Kelly Powell

Facing the Shadows

1. THE SHADOW OF BETRAYAL - JUDAS Matthew 26:20-25
"Lord have mercy" Luke Shaw
2. THE SHADOW OF INNER AGONY - THE MOTHER OF JAMES & JOHN Luke 22:39-46 *"Lord have mercy"* Pauline Lenox
3. THE SHADOW OF DESERTION - JOHN Matthew 26:47-50,55-56 *"Lord have mercy"* Jim Myrick
4. THE SHADOW OF DENIAL - PETER Matthew 26:31-35
"Christ, forgive me" Rachelle Bouronich
5. THE SHADOW OF ACCUSATION - MARY MAGDALENE Matthew 26:59-67 *"Lord give me grace"* Danica Powell

6. **THE SHADOW OF MOCKERY – THOMAS Mark 15:12-20**
"Forgive me Christ" EmmaLyn Powell
7. **THE SHADOW OF DEATH - MARY-MOTHER OF JESUS**
Luke 23:33-46 *"Son, please have mercy on these your children."*
Bett Myrick
8. **JESUS DIES ON THE CROSS John 19:28-34** Joyce Tullis

And so Lord Jesus, Light of the World, we come to Your table, confessing the darkness within us. We come simply because You are merciful and You have filled our hearts with light. We come to eat this bread and to drink this wine, and to be changed. Let your presence, which fills us through this meal, cast out all shadows and keep us in Your light forever. Thanks be to God. Amen.

Pam Prestegard

Pastor: Brothers and sisters in Christ, let us now prepare to receive the Last Supper. Please turn to page 15 in the hymnal.

***The Sacrament of Holy Communion**

Chancel Choir: "Were You There?"

The Stripping of the Altar

Extinguishing of the Christ Candle

The Draping of the Cross with Crown of Thorns

Please leave the sanctuary in reverent silence.

**Congregation is invited to stand, as able.*

Please remember to silence your cellphones.

If you would like to leave a gift of love in this service, there is an offering plate on the piano.

Thank you for being with us tonight. Please join us for our Easter service on April 20th at 11:15 AM. There will be a family/children's Easter egg celebration following worship that day.

*For God So Loved the World, that He
Gave His only Son.*

Thanks Be to God.