

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



Good Friday

Friday, 29 March 2024

1235 Summer Hill Road, Auburn, PA 17922

Pastor: Rev. Ken McDowell, cell phone: 610-207-4783

Church Office Phone: 570-754-7225

Office Hours: Monday – Thursday 9am–2pm; Closed Friday

Church Email: summerhillucc@gmail.com

Website: www.summerhillucc.com

Livestream: www.facebook.com/summerhillucc

Order of Worship for Good Friday Tenebrae Service

Rev. Ken McDowell, Pastor

Music Director and Pianist- Rae Ann Borger
Lectors: Mike Fessler and Pastor Ken McDowell
Acolytes: Tom and Terrie Saunders

INTRODUCTION

GATHERING FOR THE WORD

The Congregation may stand.

SENTENCES

INVOCATION

HYMN OF MEDITATION NO. 261.....“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

*When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.*

*Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ, my God;
all the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood.*

*See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down.
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?*

*Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were an offering far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.*

The Congregation may be seated.

READING OF SCRIPTURE AND LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES.....Pastor Ken

Isaiah 52:13- 53:12 - The Suffering Servant

MOMENT OF SILENCE

READING OF THE PASSION STORY

PART I.....Mark 9:30-37; 10:17-23, 46-52.....Mike Fessler

Jesus Again Foretells His Death and Resurrection

Who Is the Greatest?

The Rich Man

The Healing of Blind Bartimaeus

PART II.....Mark 11:1-11, 14: 1-25.....Pastor Ken

Jesus’ Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem

The Plot to Kill Jesus

The Anointing at Bethany

Judas Agrees to Betray Jesus

The Passover with the Disciples

The Institution of the Lord’s Supper

<i>PART III.....</i>	<i>John 13:2-17.....</i>	<i>Mike Fessler</i>
	<i>Jesus Washes the Disciples' Feet</i>	
<i>PART IV.....</i>	<i>John 12:20-28, 13:31-14:10.....</i>	<i>Pastor Ken</i>
	<i>Some Greeks Wish to See Jesus</i>	
	<i>Jesus Speaks about His Death</i>	
	<i>The New Commandment</i>	
	<i>Jesus Foretells Peter's Denial</i>	
	<i>Jesus the Way to the Father</i>	
<i>PART V.....</i>	<i>Matthew 26: 36-56.....</i>	<i>Mike Fessler</i>
	<i>Jesus Prays in Gethsemane</i>	
	<i>The Betrayal and Arrest of Jesus</i>	
<i>PART VI.....</i>	<i>John 17:1-10, 17:16 -23.....</i>	<i>Pastor Ken</i>
	<i>Jesus Prays for His Disciples</i>	
<i>PART VII.....</i>	<i>Luke 22:54-71 & Matthew 27:3-10.....</i>	<i>Mike Fessler</i>
	<i>Peter Denies Jesus</i>	
	<i>The Mocking and Beating of Jesus</i>	
	<i>Jesus before the Council</i>	
	<i>The Suicide of Judas</i>	
<i>PART VIII.....</i>	<i>Mark 15:1-14 & Luke 23:4-11.....</i>	<i>Pastor Ken</i>
	<i>Jesus before Pilate</i>	
	<i>Pilate Hands Jesus over to Be Crucified</i>	
	<i>Jesus before Herod</i>	
<i>PART IX.....</i>	<i>Matthew 27:11-31.....</i>	<i>Mike Fessler</i>
	<i>Pilate Questions Jesus</i>	
	<i>Barabbas or Jesus?</i>	
	<i>Pilate Hands Jesus over to Be Crucified</i>	
	<i>The Soldiers Mock Jesus</i>	
<i>PART X (Seven Last Words)</i>	<i>Luke 23:26-32; Matthew 27:33, 34, 37 &</i>	
	<i>Luke 23:35, 36; 23:34.....</i>	<i>Pastor Ken</i>
<i>PART XI (Seven Last Words)</i>	<i>Luke 23:39-43 & John 19:25-27.....</i>	<i>Mike Fessler</i>
<i>PART XII (Seven Last Words)</i>	<i>Luke 23:44-45 Matthew 27:46;</i>	
	<i>John 19:28-30 & Luke 23:46.....</i>	<i>Pastor Ken</i>
	<i>The Death of Jesus</i>	
<i>PART XIII.....</i>	<i>Matthew 27:51-66.....</i>	<i>Mike Fessler</i>
	<i>The Burial of Jesus</i>	
	<i>The Guard at the Tomb</i>	

PRAYER

When you hear the words, "And All The People Said," please respond with "AMEN."

PRAYER OF OUR SAVIOR

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

The Congregation may stand.

HYMN OF REFLECTION NO. 283.....“Were You There”

*Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?*

*Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?*

*Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?*

MEDITATION ABOUT THE CROSS

Pastor: Behold the cross on which hung the salvation of the whole world.

People: Come, let us worship the Christ, the child of God.

Pastor: Behold the cross on which hung the salvation of the whole world.

People: Come, let us worship the Christ, the child of God.

Pastor: Behold the cross on which hung the salvation of the whole world.

People: Come, let us worship the Christ, the child of God.

(The Christ Candle is relit, as a sign of hope for the Resurrection.)

(The Pastor, Lector, and Acolytes will leave in silence.)

(Silence for meditation and prayers.)

BENEDICTION

Pastor: We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

People: By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

(The people may depart quietly as they finish their private meditation and prayers.)

*Portions of today's worship resources were reproduced or adapted from the UCC's Book of Worship, Unless otherwise noted, all Scripture references are from the New Revised Standard Version Bible, copyright © 1989 National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America. Used by permission. All rights reserved worldwide.
CCLI Copyright License Number 3253621 and CCLI Streaming License Number 20179084.*