

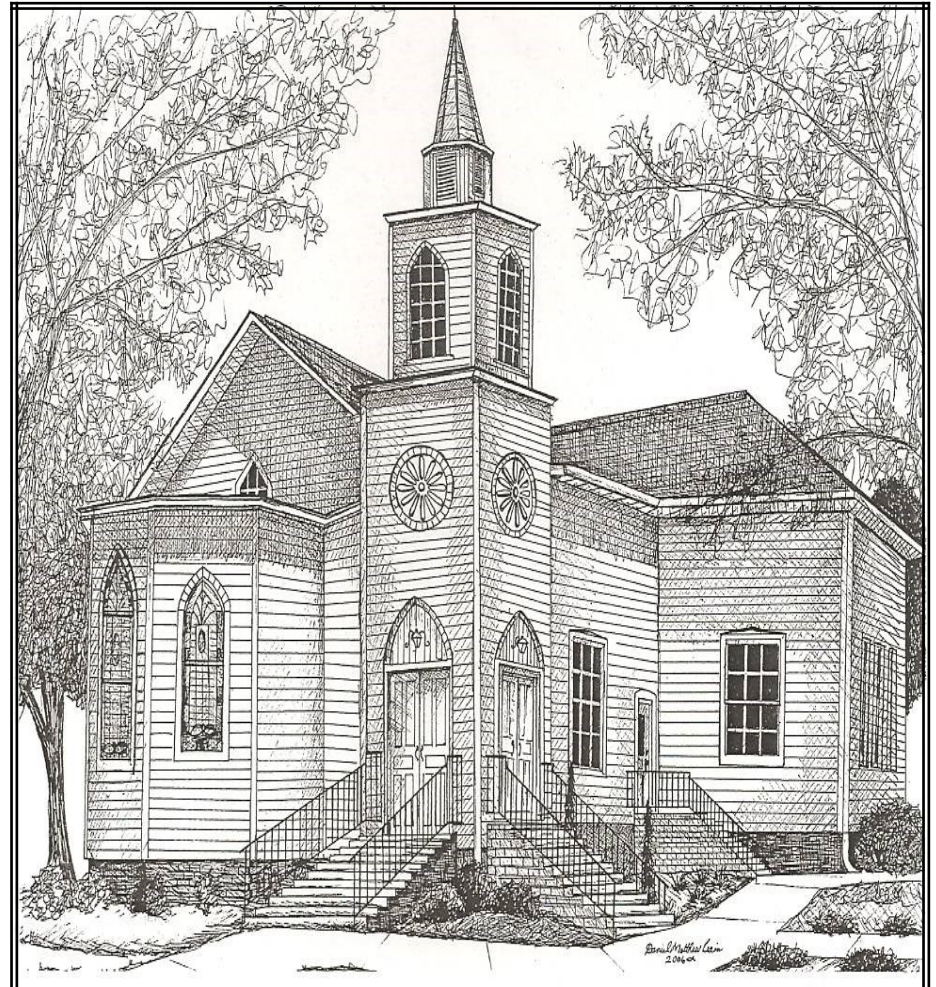
## OFFERING

All of the offerings collected this week will be given to Oconee United Ministries. A box is located at the back of the sanctuary for you to drop offerings off upon entering or leaving.

## TENEBRAE SERVICE

The service of Tenebrae, meaning “darkness” or “shadows,” has been practiced by the church since medieval times. Once a service for the monastic community, Tenebrae later became an important part of the worship of the common folk during Holy Week. We join Christians of many generations throughout the world in using the liturgy of Tenebrae.

Tenebrae is a prolonged meditation on Christ’s suffering. Readings trace the story of Christ’s passion, music portrays his pathos, and the power of silence and darkness suggests the drama of this momentous day. As lights are extinguished, we ponder the depth of Christ’s suffering and death. Please enter humbly, worship deeply, and leave quietly this evening with your heart centered on the suffering of Christ for you and your salvation. You will observe a diminishing of light through the service in the pattern of tenebrae worship. Tenebrae means shadows, and so our worship will include an experience of some of the shadows that Christ endured. At the close of the service the bell will toll seven times to represent the fullness of Christ's sacrifice for us.



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## Good Friday

April 2, 2021

7:30 PM

### The Approach to God

#### Prelude

**\*Call to Worship**.....Rev. Dr. John Hartman

Leader: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

**People: Amen**

Leader: Blessed be the name of the Lord our God,

**People: who redeems us from sin and death.**

Leader: For us and for our salvation, Christ became obedient unto death, even death on a cross.

**People: Blessed be the name of the Lord.**

**\*Hymn 85: "What Wondrous Love Is This"** .....Folk Hymn

**Call to Confession**.....Art Williams

#### Prayer of Confession

Holy, loving, Triune God, you are my Judge. Fortunately, you are also my Redeemer. I know that I do not belong to myself because I was bought with a price, redeemed through the sacrifice of Jesus on my behalf. Yet, I confess that I sometimes try to hide from you and from your rightful claims on me—your rightful claims on my time, my money, my affections, and my behaviors. I often live for myself, rather than living for him who died and rose for me. I sometimes try to live my way, rather than according to your revealed will recorded in the Bible. I have turned away from neighbors in need. Rather than laboring faithfully to make small, positive changes in the world, I have accepted too much of the status quo. Father, please forgive me. Free me from selfishness and from fear. Free me for joyful obedience and for growth in godliness. Fill me afresh with the Holy Spirit, so that I can increasingly live into the new and better life that you make possible as I abide in Jesus. These things I ask in his name, and I ask them not only for myself, but also for all your grace-saved, twice-born children. Amen.

**Assurance of Pardon**.....Art Williams

## THE WORD

**Prayer of Illumination**.....Rev. Audrey H. Reese

**New Testament Scripture:** John 19:28-30

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

*People: Thanks be to God*

**Sermon:** "Give Up Life as You Know It."

## SERVICE OF THE SHADOWS

**The Shadow of Betrayal:** Matthew 26:20-25.....Art Williams

**Hymn 93: "Ah, Holy Jesus"** verses 1 and 4.....Cruger

**The Shadow of the Agony of Spirit and Arrest:** .....Dr. Hartman  
Luke 22:39-48, 54

**Hymn 97: "Go to Dark Gethsemane"** verses 2 and 3.....Redhead

**The Shadow of Denial:** Matthew 26:69-75.....Art Williams

**Hymn 84: "In the Cross of Christ I Glory"** v. 2.....Conkey

**The Shadow of Accusation:** .....Dr. Hartman  
Matthew 27:11-14, 20-29

**Hymn 98: "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"** .....Hassler

**The Shadow of Crucifixion and Humiliation:**.....Art Williams  
Matthew 27:31-43

**Hymn 101: "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"** .....Mason

**The Shadow of Death:** Matthew 27:45-54.....Dr. Hartman

**Anthem: "Gethsemane"** .....Lau

**The Shadow of Burial:** Matthew 27:57-60.....Rev. Reese

**\*Hymn 102: "Were You There?"** .....Spiritual

**\*Benediction**

*\*Congregation Standing*