



Welcome to Cornerstone!

**Maundy Thursday**  
**April 1, 2021 at 7 PM**



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### Maundy Thursday Tenebrae Service

*The solemn observance known as "Tenebrae" was first celebrated in the fourth century. The word "Tenebrae" means "darkness." In this service, eight candles are gradually extinguished, symbolizing the flight and denial of the disciples and friends of Jesus after the crucifixion. A ninth candle symbolizes the light of Christ. In that light we find forgiveness and fellowship in communion with our Lord.*

#### Call to Worship

Laura Stone

Leader: God is my light and my salvation: whom shall I fear?

**People: God is strength of my life: whom shall I dread?**

Leader: Your presence, a God, I am seeking.

**People: Abandon me not to my foes, for deceivers rise up to oppose me, breathing out violence.**

Leader: Trust in God. Stand fast and strengthen your courage.

**People: Do not leave me or forsake me, O God, my salvation.**

All: Let us worship God!

### THE SERVICE OF DARKNESS

#### The First Light – The Darkness of Betrayal – Rev Jim Pruner

L: When it was evening, he took his place with the twelve; and while they were eating, he said, "Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me." And they became greatly distressed and began to say to him one after another, "Surely not I, Lord?" He answered, "The one who has dipped his hand into the bowl with me will betray me. The Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that one by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that one not to have been born." Judas, who betrayed him, said, "Surely not I, Rabbi?" He replied, "You have said so." (Matthew 26: 20-25)

Hymn "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

Will Vanderburg

#### *The First Candle is Extinguished*

#### *The Second Light – the Darkness of Desertion – Linda Van Melis*

L: Then Jesus said to them: "You with all become deserters because of me this night. It is written, "I will strike the shepherd and the sheep of the flock will be scattered."

### Worship Schedule:

**Saturdays 5 PM &  
Sundays 10 AM**

Watch our Worship  
service on Facebook on  
Sundays at 10 AM:

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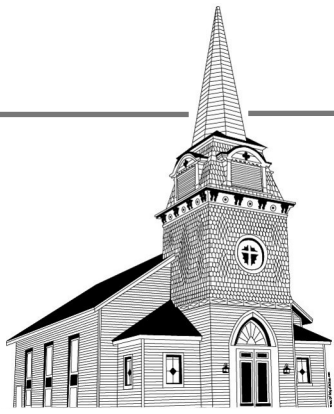
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**P: Though they all fall away because of you, I will never fall away.**

L: Jesus said to them: "Truly I say to you, this very night before the cock crows, you will deny me three times."

**P: Even if I must die with you, I will not deny you.**

**Song "You Are My All in All"**

*The Second Candle is Extinguished*

*The Third Light – The Agony of the Spirit – Rev Jim Pruner*

L: Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane and said to his disciples, "Sit here while I go over there to pray." He took Peter, James, and John and began to be agitated and in agony. Then he said to them, "I am deeply grieved, even unto death, remain here and pray with me!" Going further, he threw himself on the ground and prayed, "My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet not what I want but what you want."

**Gifts of Tithes and Offerings and Prayer of Dedication**

*The Third Candle is Extinguished*

*The Fourth Light – The Darkness of Misunderstanding – Linda Van Melis*

L: And while he was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he sat at table, a woman came with an alabaster jar of ointment of pure nard, very costly, and she broke the jar and poured it over his head. But there were some who said to themselves indignantly, "Why was the ointment wasted? For this ointment might have been sold for more than three hundred denarii, and given to the poor." And they reproached her. But Jesus said, "Let her alone; why do you trouble her? She has done a beautiful thing to me." (Mark 14:3-6)

**Song "In Christ Alone"**

*The Fourth Candle is Extinguished*

*The Fifth Light – The Darkness of Broken Trust – Laura*

L: His disciples said: "Ah, now you are speaking plainly, not in any figure! Now we know that you know all things, and need no one to

**Saturday Worship Leader(s):**

**Laura Stone**

**Sunday Worship Leader(s):**

**David LaCross**

**Fred VanLooy**

**Our Thanks to our Elders as Members of our Session**

2021: Megan LaFontaine, Mike Pushko, Laura Stone, Kathe Morrison

2022: Jim Foster, Deborah LaCross, Fred VanLooy, Linda Van Melis

2023: Gail Carlson, Elizabeth Hughes, Tina Kas, Allyson Moyer

**Our Board of Deacons – thank you for your service!**

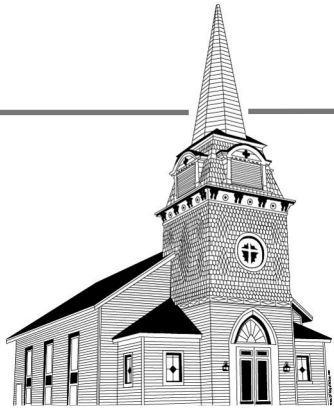
2021: Diane DeLuca

2022: MaryAnn White, Kellie Pushko

2023: Barbara Dougherty, Nancy Foster

**MISSION STATEMENT**

We the people of Cornerstone are a part of God's Grand Adventure to: ground our lives on the solid rock of Jesus Christ, build up each other in love through prayer, words and deeds, and to create God's community in Jackson and beyond.



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question you; by this we believe that you came from God." Jesus answered them, "Do you now believe? The hour is coming, indeed it has come, when you will be scattered, everyone to his home and will leave me alone." (John 16:29-32)

**P: Lord, when have we left you alone?**

L: "I am not alone, for the Father is with me, I have said this to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you have turbulence; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world."

**P: Lord, when have we left you alone?**

**Hymn 101 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross**

**Meditation**

**Reverend Tory Pruner**

**Confessional Liturgy**

**Reverend Jim Pruner**

L: Lord Jesus, you are the bread of life,

**P: And we are very hungry.**

L: You are the living water,

**P: And we live in deep darkness.**

L: You are the Resurrection and the Life Everlasting.

**P: We are dust and to dust we shall return.**

L: In these gifts of bread and wine,

**P: Let us share your grace divine.**

**Sacrament of the Lord's Supper**

**Reverend Tory Pruner**

*The Great Thanksgiving*

*Leader: The Lord be with you*

**People: And also with you**

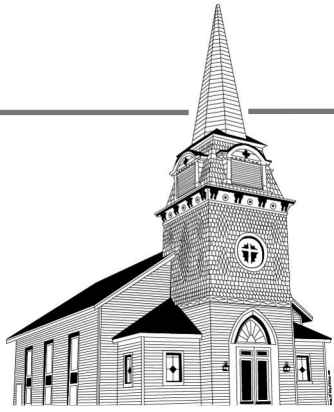
*Leader: Lift up your hearts*

**People: We lift them up to the Lord**

*Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God*

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**Hymn "Beneath the Cross of Jesus"**



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***The Fifth Candle is Extinguished***

***The Sixth Light - The Darkness of Disunity - Laura Stone***

L: Color counts. Race Matters. Generations split. Friends fight. Success separates. Power conquers. Pride pulls apart.

**P: We hear the command, "Preserve the unity which the spirit gives." We know there is one body and one spirit, one hope to which we are called....one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of us all, who is Lord of all and works through all and live in all.**

L: We hear the command. We understand these truths, but we don't live by them. We let differences become sides, and sides become fixed groupings, and groupings become hardened opponents, and opponents become enemies.

P: We tune boundaries into fences and fences into walls and walls into chasms and chasms into different worlds.

**All: Teach us the value of our differences and the power of our similarities. Help us see your image in each other. Show us how to reflect the unity that is our origin and the peace.**

**Song "Jesus Remember Me"**

***The Sixth Candle is Extinguished***

***The Seventh Light - The Darkness of Shame - Linda Van Melis***

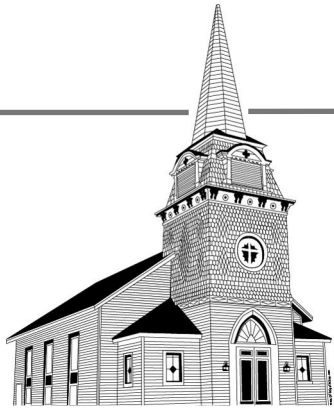
L: Lord, please turn down the light. Your glory dazzles and shames me. I see, the wrinkles of my doubt, the blemishes of my pride, the scars of my anger. There is darkness within me for I cover my sins with secrecy, my selfishness with smooth words, and my jealousy with smiles. I am afraid of you Lord. Afraid to be exposed. Afraid to be revealed. Your command are too hard for me. Your love is too big for my small heart. Turn down your light.

***The Seventh Candle is Extinguished***

***The Eighth Light - The Darkness of the Cross Rev Tory Pruner***

L: And as they led him away, they seized on Simon of Cyrene, who was coming up from the country, and laid him on the cross, to carry it behind Jesus. And there followed him a great multitude of the people, and of women who bewailed and lamented him. But Jesus turned to them and said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children." (Luke 23:26-28)

**Hymn "O Sacred Head," Verse 1**



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L: Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. And when they came to the place called The Skull, there they crucified him, and the criminals, one on the right and one on the left. And Jesus said, "Father, forgive them for they know not what they do." (Luke 23:32-34)

**Hymn "O Sacred Head," Verse 2**

L: It was now about the sixth hour, and there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour, while the sun's light failed; and curtain of the temple was torn in two. Then Jesus, crying out in a loud voice, said, "Father, into thy hands I commit my spirit" And having said this he breathed his last. (Luke 23:44-46)

**Hymn "O Sacred Head," Verse 3**

*The Eighth Candle is Extinguished*

**Benediction (A Quiet Time of Reflection)**

**Solo "Were You There?"**

1. 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?

2. 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?

3. 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?