



# Welcome to St. John's Christian Church

"The Church on the Corner Whose Cornerstone is Christ"

Come **H**ear the **R**eason we're **I**nspired to **S**erve **T**ogether



*We are a community of faith founded upon God's Holy Word,  
preaching salvation through believing in Christ as our Savior.*

*We seek to live in God's truth, being obedient to His Word and following in His ways.*

GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP ~ SERVICE OF TENEBRAE

“Tenebrae” means shadows or darkness. This is a service which moves from light to darkness, symbolizing the fading loyalty of the followers of Jesus, impressing upon us the reality of sin which made necessary Jesus’ death for us. Eight candles are used in the service. Seven represent the seven readings as well as the seven last words of Jesus from the cross. The eighth represents the Christ Candle. One by one, the candles will be extinguished, reminding us of the darkness which covered the earth at the time of Jesus’ crucifixion, and the darkness which would exist in our lives had the “Light of the World” not come. The exit of the Christ Candle at the close of the service represents the fulfillment of the sacrifice of the Cross, and the loss in our lives without him. The Christ Candle is not extinguished, symbolic of the eternal light of God’s love and in anticipation of the Spirit of Christ being alive in the world.

Lighting of the Altar Candles and Ringing of the Tower Bells

Welcome, Scripture and Prayer

Isaiah 52:13 – 53:12

†Call to Worship (*L: Leader; P: People*)

*L: Tonight we gather to remember the journey and the suffering of the cross.*

*P: As God’s people we seek to remember his sacrifice tonight.*

*L: We journey through God’s Word aware of our thoughts and emotions.*

*P: We respond with thanksgiving, humbleness, brokenness, and grace.*

†Hymn

#183, “Beneath the Cross of Jesus”

Scripture

Hebrews 10:16-25

Evening Message

“The Curtain”

THE PASSION OF OUR LORD

The First Candle ~ The Darkness of Betrayal

The Words of the Psalmist

Psalm 34:15-18

The Words in the Upper Room

Matthew 26:20-25

The Second Candle ~ The Darkness of Desertion

The Words of the Psalmist

Psalm 41:7-9

The Words on the Way to the Garden

Matthew 26:31-35

The Third Candle ~ The Darkness of Loneliness

The Words of the Psalmist

Psalm 31:9-14

The Words in the Garden

Matthew 26:36-46

Hymn

#186, “The Old Rugged Cross”

The Fourth Candle ~ The Darkness of Accusation  
 The Words of Trial Mark 14:53, 57-64; 15:1-5; Luke 23:7, 11

The Fifth Candle ~ The Darkness of Denial  
 The Words of the Courtyard Matthew 26:69-75  
 The Words of Remorse Matthew 27:1-5

The Sixth Candle ~ The Darkness of Rejection  
 The Words Before Pilate Luke 23:13-24  
 Hymn #185, "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"  
*(Entrance of the Cross)*

The Seventh Candle ~ The Darkness of Crucifixion and Burial  
 The Words on the Cross Luke 23:33-34, 39-43; John 19:26-30;  
 Matthew 27:45-46; Luke 23:46-48  
 Hymn #178, "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"  
*(Draping of the Cross)*

The Words of the Burial Luke 23:50-56

The Christ Candle ~ Exit of the Christ Candle  
*The crash thunder symbolizes the agony of Jesus' death and the earthquake.*

The Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)

Song of the Suffering Servant Isaiah 53:4-9

Hymn #181, v. 1-3, "Were You There?"

Dismissal Blessing *Please depart from the sanctuary tonight in silence.*

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**LOOSE OFFERINGS** will support the ministries of the Arole's and Back Bay Mission.

**WORSHIP SERVANTS**

Acolyte: Avery Roth	Lay Reader: Linda Heer
Accompanist: Lynne Christman	Song Leader: Roger Zimmerman
Sound Tech: James Grime	Easy Worship Tech: Kelly Ducey
Live Stream Tech: Ryan Christman	

**EASTER SUNDAY SCHEDULE AT ST. JOHN'S CHRISTIAN CHURCH**

7:00 am	Sunrise Service in the Sanctuary
8:00 am	Easter Breakfast
9:00 am	Easter Egg Hunt in the Chapel (JYF hosting)
9:15 am	Sunday School/Faith Village/Confirmation
10:30 am	Easter Worship in the Sanctuary

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

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**Isaiah 52:13 - 53:12** See, my servant will act wisely; he will be raised and lifted up and highly exalted. <sup>14</sup> Just as there were many who were appalled at him--his appearance was so disfigured beyond that of any man and his form marred beyond human likeness-- <sup>15</sup> so will he sprinkle many nations, and kings will shut their mouths because of him. For what they were not told, they will see, and what they have not heard, they will understand. **Isaiah 53:1** Who has believed our message and to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? <sup>2</sup> He grew up before him like a tender shoot, and like a root out of dry ground. He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him. <sup>3</sup> He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows, and familiar with suffering. Like one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not. <sup>4</sup> Surely he took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows, yet we considered him stricken by God, smitten by him, and afflicted. <sup>5</sup> But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed. <sup>6</sup> We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. <sup>7</sup> He was oppressed and afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; he was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. <sup>8</sup> By oppression and judgment he was taken away. And who can speak of his descendants? For he was cut off from the land of the living; for the transgression of my people he was stricken. <sup>9</sup> He was assigned a grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death, though he had done no violence, nor was any deceit in his mouth. <sup>10</sup> Yet it

was the LORD's will to crush him and cause him to suffer, and though the LORD makes his life a guilt offering, he will see his offspring and prolong his days, and the will of the LORD will prosper in his hand. <sup>11</sup> After the suffering of his soul, he will see the light of life and be satisfied; by his knowledge my righteous servant will justify many, and he will bear their iniquities. <sup>12</sup> Therefore I will give him a portion among the great, and he will divide the spoils with the strong, because he poured out his life unto death, and was numbered with the transgressors. For he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

**Hebrews 10:16-25** "This is the covenant I will make with them after that time, says the Lord. I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds." <sup>17</sup> Then he adds: "Their sins and lawless acts I will remember no more." <sup>18</sup> And where these have been forgiven, there is no longer any sacrifice for sin. <sup>19</sup> Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, <sup>20</sup> by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, <sup>21</sup> and since we have a great priest over the house of God, <sup>22</sup> let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water. <sup>23</sup> Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. <sup>24</sup> And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. <sup>25</sup> Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another-- and all the more as you see the Day approaching.