

TENEBRAE SERVICE OF READINGS and MUSIC
Featuring The Music of Bill Humphrey's "Seven"
Good Friday March 29, 2024 @ 7 p.m.

The Church-in-the-Gardens
A Congregational Church of the United Church of Christ
Forest Hills Gardens, New York



Our Church Covenant

“We covenant and agree with each other to unite as a Church of the Lord Jesus Christ, for Christian fellowship, for public worship and for the advancement of God’s kingdom in the world. We agree to maintain the institutions of the gospel, to promote the peace and prosperity of the Church, to walk together in brotherly love.”

Adopted by this congregation in 1913

Welcome to the Church-in-the-Gardens...

Whoever you are, wherever you are on life’s journey, you are welcome here.

****We invite you to place your name and contact information on a Visitor Card in the pew rack. Please place it in the offering plate or give it to a greeter.***

****Please be sure to get a parking pass from a greeter if you have parked a car that does not already have a decal or parking pass displayed.***

****Please silence your cell phone***

God bless you as together we experience God’s life-giving word.

This Service is being recorded. If you would like to assure that your image will not appear on the recording, please sit in the back of the church below the balcony or in the balcony. The recording will be available at the citg.org

We gather again Easter Sunday morning at 10 a.m. for Worship followed by our Easter Egg Hunt and Coffee and Fellowship. Please join us.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

One: Trouble confronts us daily.

Many: The evil of this world threatens to overwhelm us.

One: We cry out to the Living God. We remember and turn to the One who suffered.

Many: God hears our cry, joins us on the journey, and shows us the way.

One: God lives our pain, and sacrifices on our behalf.

Many: We remember and proclaim the One who was wounded,

One: The One who died,

Many: The One who conquers death.

Opening Hymn NCH 219 Journey to Gethsemane vv. 1-2

Opening Prayer

Sung Response NCH 219 Journey to Gethsemane v. 3

Tenebrae Service (Remembering the last words of Jesus)
Music composed by Bill Humphrey

Reading One: Luke 23:33-38
Musical Response *Father Forgive Them*

Reading Two: Luke 23:39-43
Musical Response *Today You'll Be With Me*

Reading Three: John 19:23-27
Musical Response *Woman Behold Thy Son*

Reading Four: Matthew 27:45-47
Musical Response *My God Why Have You Forsaken Me*

Reading Five and Six: John 19:28-30a
Musical Response *I Thirst*

Pastoral Reflection
Musical Response *It is Finished*

Reading Seven: Luke 23:45b-46
Musical Response *Into Thy Hands*

Pastoral Prayer
Lord's Prayer
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.

Sung Response:
O Lord, hear my prayer (2x)
When I call answer me.
O Lord, hear my prayer (2x)
Come and listen to me.

Offering
Offertory *Why Have You Forsaken Me* (Psalm 22) Sunny Knable
Prayer of Dedication

Closing Hymn NCH 229 Were You There? vv. 1-3

Silence

Blessing Rev. Fred

****Please Exit the Church in silence when lights go on****

WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Dr. Fred Weidmann, Pastor, The Church-in-the-Gardens
Rev. Jeff Courter, Pastor, First Presbyterian Church

Dr. Sunny Knable, Music Director, Piano, Organ
Bill Humphrey, Band Leader, Composer, Saxophone
Mike Jett, Drums
Michael O'Brien, Bass

Jess Rechner, Soloist
The Choir of The Church-in-the-Gardens

Readers Cheryl Cuddeback, Ira Apsel, Novi Suhero, Tom Webb, Ernie Searle

Acolyte Ira Apsel

