



# The Messenger

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## HOLY WEEK SERVICES



**Maundy Thursday Dinner Church**  
**Thursday, April 6 @ 6:00pm**  
**Laurel Heights UMC Gymnasium**

# HOLY WEEK

## GOOD FRIDAY: TRE ORE

The Tre Ore service will be held from noon to 3 p.m. on Good Friday, April 7, 2023. Tre Ore literally means three hours. The service, is a vigil a church keeps during the time that tradition says Jesus hung on the cross. This year the service is lay-led, meaning most of the work for the service is planned and carried out by lay members of the church.

The structure of the service this year will follow a format the church did in the service in 2016. There will be a hymn, a Gospel reading, a spoken meditation and then a silent meditation period, first with music and then with silence. At the conclusion of the service, a tower bell will ring 33 times representing the 33 years tradition holds Jesus lived on earth at the time of his death on the cross.

The following people the Bible says were part of the Good Friday story will be subjects of the meditations: Peter, Herod, Pilate, Simon of Cyrene, Roman Soldiers, the two thieves crucified beside Jesus, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of Jesus and, finally, Jesus himself. Those giving the meditations will be Thomas Sanders, John Shaw, Alice Gannon, Rayen Dennis, Rachel Goeres, Jason Davis, Mark Doty, Muriel Manchester and Mitch Holbrook.

Not everyone comes for the whole three hours. Many people come for only part of it, depending on their schedules and their preferences. Some people come with things to read during the meditation times and some bring pen and paper to write thoughts and prayers. Some people just come. It is a quiet, contemplative time, unlike most any other service of the year.

The Tre Ore service is not meant to replace the 6:00 p.m. service. Most of the people who worship during the Tre Ore service also attend the evening service which is always lovely and meaningful.

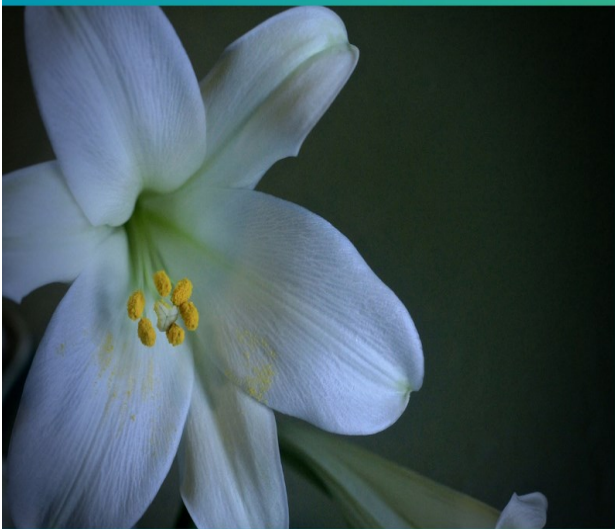
If the Tre Ore service speaks to you, come when you choose and are able and stay as long as you choose and are able.

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## Good Friday: Tenebrae

Tenebrae comes from the Latin word for “darkness”. A Tenebrae Service is traditionally held in the evening.

This service will happen on Friday, April 7 from 6-7pm in the LHUMC Sanctuary. The service will tell the story of the betrayal, arrest, and the crucifixion of Jesus through scripture, hymns, and choral anthems.



## EASTER MORNING Sunday, April 9

Sunrise Service 7am Rowe Plaza  
Come & See 9am Sanctuary  
Traditional Service 11am Sanctuary



# Interfaith Iftar

featuring.

*Intro to Islam*



*Dawah Booths*



*Fasting  
crashcourse*



*Iftar and Dinner*



**Sat,  
April 15**



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ADMIN@NICSATX.ORG



(832) 813-9259

**7: 15 PM to  
9: 00 PM**

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RSVP to Wyndee Holbrook @ [wyndee@interfaithsaa.org](mailto:wyndee@interfaithsaa.org)

## Church Calendar

### Wednesday, April

9:00 a.m. Exercise Class – *Room 312*

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal – *Choir Rm.*

### Thursday, April 6

9:00 a.m. Church Mice

3:00 p.m. Church Under the Bridge

6:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Dinner

6:00 p.m. Tai Chi Class - *Room 312*

### Friday, April 7

9:00 a.m. Exercise Class - *Room 312*

12:00 p.m. Tre Ore – *Sanctuary*

6:00 p.m. Good Friday Tenebrae – *Sanctuary*

### Saturday, April 8

10:00 a.m. Choir Easter Dress Rehearsal

12:00 p.m. Altar Guild - Easter Lily Set Up

2:00 p.m. Al & Janie Groves - *Columbarium*

### Sunday, April 9 - Easter Sunday

7:00 a.m. Sunrise Service - *Rowe Plaza*

9:00 a.m. Come and See Worship - *Sanctuary*

9:30 a.m. Fellowship - *Dining Room*

10:00 a.m. Sunday School - *Various Rooms*

11:00 a.m. Worship - *Sanctuary*

### Monday, April 10

**CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED**

### Tuesday, April 11

10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting - *Parlor*

### Wednesday, April 12

9:00 a.m. Exercise Class - *Room 312*

1:00 p.m. United Women in Faith Mtg. - *Parlor*

### Thursday, April 13

9:00 a.m. Church Mice

6:00 p.m. Tai Chi Class - *Room 312*

### Friday, April 14

9:00 a.m. Exercise Class - *Room 312*

### Saturday, April 15

10:00 a.m. Pickleball - *Gym*

### Sunday, April 16

9:00 a.m. Come and See Worship - *Sanctuary*

9:30 a.m. Fellowship - *Dining Room*

10:00 a.m. Sunday School - *Various Rooms*

11:00 a.m. Worship - *Sanctuary*

PASTOR,

*I have a question...*

**Join us at Laurel Heights UMC**

**Sunday, April 16 at 9 & 11am**

**for a new sermon series when our pastors**

**answer YOUR questions!**



# Sunday Worship Services



## Fellowship Gathering

9:30am to 10am

## Fellowship Hall

Coffee, Tea & Light Refreshments

Thank you Pathfinders & Fighting Lions for providing snacks & refreshments for fellowship time on Sunday, April 9.

**Nursery care is available from 8:45am to 12:30pm**

## Sunday School for all ages 10am to 10:45am

Look for signs to various classrooms

**9:30am to 10:30am**

Certain Adult Groups

## Worship / 11am / Sanctuary

The 11 am service is live-streamed at:

<https://www.laurelheights.org/online-worship/>

and on our Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/LaurelHeightsUMC>

Beginning at 11am.



## JOYS AND CONCERNS

**Healing:** Lucien Manchester  
Jerry Geerdes, Spencer Fuller (*Kay Carter*)  
Sonny Landers (*Landers Family*)  
Hannah Marina Campen  
Richard Parrigan  
Natasha Garza  
Harper Shaw & Family  
Jill Caldwell  
Elizabeth & Richard Jackson  
Annalynn Jackson  
Leah Engle (*Shelly & Toby Kennerdell*)  
Byrd Bonner & Family

Prayers for Director of Young Family Ministries  
applicants and search team.



## Lord, in your mercy, hear our PRAYER

You can offer a prayer of gratitude  
or concern by emailing  
[prayers@mylhmc.org](mailto:prayers@mylhmc.org),  
through [Facebook Messenger](#),  
or calling the church office  
(210) 733-7156.

### Sanctuary Offering



### Online Giving

Please visit our website:  
<http://www.laurelheights.org/give/>



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Or use our  
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## Happy Birthday

4/5

Tony Garcia

Natalie Pearson

Eunice Richardson

4/7

Paul Kinnison

4/8

Gail Carnal

4/11

Olivia Seay

*Are we missing your name  
on the birthday list?  
Please notify the church office  
at 210-733-7156 so we can update our records.*

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### Church Office Hours

9:00am to 4:30pm

Monday through Friday

### Contact Us

210-733-7156

### Laurel Heights Staff

Rev. Lisa Straus, Senior Pastor

Rev. Laura Healy, Associate Pastor

Rev. Wyndee Holbrook, Pastor in Residence

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