

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Good Friday

March 29, 2024

1:00 & 7:30 pm

Welcome

Prelude "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" Hassler/Bach

Choral Call to Worship (7:30) "O Love Divine, What Hast Thou Done" Wesley
Sanctuary Choir

*Call to Worship

Leader: Come, let us gather in the shadow of the cross of Christ.

People: **We gather to remember the overwhelming evidence of love's ultimate sacrifice.**

Leader: Who would have guessed that the height and depth, the length and width of God's love might look like this: a forsaken Savior on a cross?

People: **We, for whom such love was offered without cost, are too often lost amid the world's distractions and responsibilities.**

Leader: Let us gather again in the shadow of the cross of Christ and commit ourselves to remember the price paid. Let us live our lives in a way that indicates why this Friday is called "good".

People: **Thanks be to God who opened the gates of heaven that we might have the faith, hope and love witnessed in Christ's sacrifice for our salvation.**

***Hymn** "Beneath the Cross of Jesus" UMH #297

Invocation (From UMC Book of Worship)

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

People: **Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ was lifted high upon the cross so that he might draw the whole world to himself. Grant that we, who glory in this death for our salvation, may also glory in his call to take up our cross and follow him; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Gospel Reading John 18:1-12

Meditation Rev. Abby Auman

Hymn "Ah, Holy Jesus"
(Verses 1 and 2) UMH #289

Gospel Reading John 18:13-27

Meditation 1:00 **Ken Kossin**
7:30 **Brian Swab**

Anthem (1:00) **“The Wonderful Cross”** Tomlin
(7:30) Carl Fernstrum, solo
“Wondrous Love” Cameron/Booth-Tucker
Sanctuary Choir

Gospel Reading John 18:28-40

Meditation **The cross from the perspective of children**

Hymn **“Ah, Holy Jesus”** UMH #289
(Verses 3 and 4)

Gospel Reading John 19:1-13

Meditation **Nichole Fewell**

Silence

Gospel Reading John 19:14-22

Meditation 1:00 **Bruce Wilson**
7:30 **Ted Burcham**

Hymn **“Ah, Holy Jesus”** UMH #289
(Verse 5)

Gospel Reading John 19:23-29

Meditation **Rev. Bruce McLaughlin**

Silence

Gospel Reading John 19:30-39

Meditation **Rev. Hannah Weisbrod**

Special Music **“Were You There”** Spiritual
Carl Fernstrum

Depart in silence

*Please rise in spirit or body.

We invite you to celebrate the Risen Christ:

March 31, 2024 – Easter Sunday

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| 6:30 am | Sunrise Service - led by youth |
| 8:15 am | Traditional Worship Service |
| *9:25 am | Traditional Worship Service |
| *11:05 am | Contemporary Worship Service |

*Livestreamed service

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