

BLESSING OF THIS TIME

Carry with you the weight of Jesus' dying, for there is no Easter apart from suffering. Christ was wounded for our transgressions and bruised for our iniquities. What does Jesus' death mean for our own lives? Are we freed from our bondage to sin? A weight has been lifted from us, we can walk without fear in fullness of life. As our ancestors look to God for deliverance, we, too, trust God, even in this dark hour. From Jesus we have learned trust and obedience, even in times of suffering and death. AMEN.

CEREMONY OF THE NAILS

You are asked at this point, to take your nail and approach the cross. As you do, think of all the ways you are a part of this moment in the life of Jesus. At the appropriate time, place your nail on the cross. Remember that Jesus gave the ultimate sacrifice on that cross for us, to make us whole, to heal us, to offer us salvation. After placing your nail, please leave the church in quiet and reflect this weekend until we come celebrate the Resurrection on Easter morning.

HYMN: *"The Head that Once was Crowned"*

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DISMISSAL IN SILENCE

**Stand if you are able.*



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Accompanist

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United Methodist Church
Good Friday Service
April 19, 2019

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRELUDE

GATHERING IN SILENCE

On Good Friday, we reflect and meditate on the meaning of the cross as we remember what happened so long ago. We recall Jesus' own personal sacrifice for our salvation and we have the opportunity to experience once again, his own transforming love for us as we live and love in the community of God's own people.

Please embrace the surroundings of this night and weekend. Allow yourself to meditate on all that God is placing in your path to help you experience the depth of His love. As you participate in the Ceremony of the Nails and leave in silence, remember that what we deserve, Christ carried for us.

*GREETING AND OPENING PRAYER

*Call to Worship, responsively

L: May the Lord be with you,

C: And also with you,

L: Give thanks to the Lord for He is good!

C: For his steadfast love endures forever.

L: For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus.

C: For his steadfast love endures forever.

C: For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law, but under grace.

C: For his steadfast love endures forever.

L: For I am sure neither death nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

C: For his steadfast love endures forever.

L: Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good,

C: For his steadfast love endures forever.

L: Lord, you teach us of mercy and grace, something you give freely to those who repent and serve you.

C: But it is difficult to hear of your rejection, suffering and death for me. Forgive us Lord, for neglecting our relationship with you.

L: In Jesus' name, 2

C: AMEN.

SPECIAL MUSIC: "Were You There"

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As we contemplate the final hours of Jesus' life on this earth, we look upon the cross knowing that it was for us and because of our sin that he endured its pain and suffering. Let us remember his sacrificial gift as we confess our sin:

Confession, in unison,

Merciful Savior, out of your great love you willingly laid down your life so that we might be reconciled to you. We are awestruck by the extravagance of your gift and humbled by the magnitude of your love. We confess that we have failed to "go and do likewise." We have failed to love our neighbor, much less our enemy. We have failed to be salt and light, instead allowing worry, fear and busyness to dull and dim our senses to what you would have us do and be. We have failed to trust you, afraid that you might alter our agendas or require us to sacrifice our time or money. Forgive us, Lord. Forgive our casual attitude toward the cross and our forgetfulness of what our sin really cost you.

PASTOR: The good news is this: Jesus Christ came into the world to redeem sinners, hear it and believe—in Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

ALL: Hallelujah! AMEN!

*SCRIPTURE LESSON:

*HYMN: "How Deep the Father's Love"

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*SCRIPTURE LESSON:

*HYMN: "O Sacred Head Now Wounded"

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GOOD FRIDAY MEDITATION

HYMN: "O Love Divine, What Hast Thou Done"

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STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

SPECIAL PRAYER OF GOOD FRIDAY 3

VIDEO "Watch The Lamb"

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