

BETHANY UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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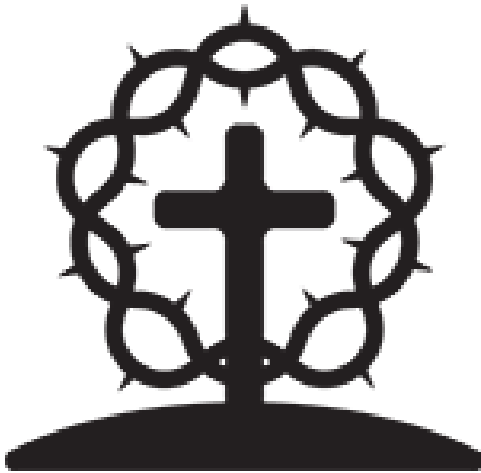
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March 29, 2024

Good Friday

“Moving Forward United in Faith”

“Committed to Christ, United by Love. We are about God, Christ, the Word, and the Future. No matter who you are or where you are on Life’s journey, you are welcome here. We are Bethany United Church of Christ.”

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March 29, 2024

7:00 PM

We welcome our friends and visitors to this Service of Worship. May this be a time of blessing for you. If you are looking for a church home, we invite you to become part of the community of faith and mission here at Bethany.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE: "Cross Medley" ... arr. J. Innes
(Beneath the Cross of Jesus, Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross)

Piano - Rebecca Kesselring/ Organ - Susan Wright

CALL TO WORSHIP:

P: Fear and fascination drew observers to the first Holy Friday. These emotions have attracted people ever since.

C: We wonder why one so faithful and loving had to face that agony of rejection and death.

P: In this time of worship, we join Christ at Calvary, aware of our involvement in the cruelty there.

C: Our faithfulness is tested at the cross and our lives are judged by our response.

*HYMN: #262 "Ah, Holy Jesus

*INVOCATION: (Unison)

Gracious God, on this day we gather to remember with love and tears the suffering and death of Jesus of Nazareth. We believe that this despised and rejected man of sorrows has borne our griefs and has been wounded for our transgressions. We come to this worship in deep repentance for our individual sins and in recommitment of our lives to end suffering, pain, and death in all times and all places. Amen.

OFFERING INVITATION

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES and GIFTS

OFFERTORY: "There's A Cross for Me" ... D. E. Wagner
Chancel Choir

Voices from the Upper Room to Calvary

Deborah

Andrew

HYMN: Go to Dark Gethsemane vs. 1

Go to dark Gethsemane, you that feel the tempter's power; your Redeemer's conflict see; watch with him one bitter hour; turn not from his griefs away; learn of Jesus Christ to pray.

Phillip

John

HYMN: Go to Dark Gethsemane vs. 2

Follow to the judgement hall; view the Lord of life arraigned. O the wormwood and the gall! O the pangs his soul sustained! Shun not suffering, shame, or loss; learn of him to bear the cross.

Peter

Procula

HYMN: O Sacred Head, Now Wounded vs. 1

**O sacred head, now wounded, with grief and shame
weighed down, now scornfully surrounded with thorns,
thine only crown; O sacred head, what glory, what bliss
till now was thine; yet, though despised and gory, I joy
to call thee mine.**

Simon of Cyrene

*HYMN: When I Survey the Wondrous Cross (all)

*Mark 15:22-39 -- Jesus is Crucified

The Christ Candle is removed from the sanctuary
symbolizing Jesus' death. We now await the dawn of
Easter.

“Christ, We Do All Adore Thee “ from the Seven Last Words
of Christ ...T. Dubois Chancel Choir

***All are encouraged to leave the sanctuary in silence
pondering the life of Jesus given for you.***

FLOWERS and BULLETINS are presented by Rebecca and
Len Kesseling as we relive one of the most difficult days in
the Christian year.

USHERS: Volunteers



Ah, Holy Jesus

1 Ah, ho - ly Je - sus, how have you of - fend - ed,
 2 Who was the guilt - y? Who brought this up - on you?
 3 For me, kind Je - sus, was your in - car - na - tion,
 4 There - fore, dear Je - sus, since I can - not pay you,

that mor - tal judg - ment has on you de - scend - ed? By foes de
 It is my trea - son, Lord, that has un - done you. 'Twas I, Lor
 your mor - tal sor - row, and your life's ob - la - tion, your death of
 I do a - dore you, and will ev - er pray you, think on you

rid - ed, by your own re - ject - ed, O most af - flict - ed
 Je - sus, I it was de - nied you; I cru - ci - fied you
 an - guish and your bit - ter pas - sion, for my sal - va - tion
 pit - y and your love un - swerv - ing, not my de - serv - ing



When I Survey the Wondrous Cross 261

1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross on which the
2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the
3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sor - row and
4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were an

Prince of glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I
death of Christ, my God; all the vain things that
love flow min - gled down. Did e'er such love and
of - fering far too small; love so a - maz - ing,

count but loss, and pour con - tempt on all my pride.
charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.
sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

WORDS: Isaac Watts (1674-1748)
MUSIC: Lowell Mason (1792-1872)

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L.M.