

*Order of Worship*  
**GOOD FRIDAY**  
6:30pm – April 7, 2023

**PRELUDE** *Improvisation* Kyle Hanks, organ

**GATHERING SONG** *What Wondrous Love Is This* UMH 292

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1 What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul, what wondrous love is this, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,  
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul.

2 What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul, what wondrous love is this, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this, that caused the Lord of life to lay aside his crown for my soul, for my soul,  
to lay aside his crown for my soul.

3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing, to God and to the Lamb, I will sing;  
to God and to the Lamb who is the great I AM, while millions join the theme I will sing, I will sing;  
while millions join the theme I will sing.

4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on;  
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be, and through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on,  
and through eternity I'll sing on.

**WELCOME / OPPORTUNITIES FOR FAITH AND SERVICE** Pastor Matt McPhee

**CALL TO WORSHIP** Fran Turner, liturgist

We gather tonight in the shadow of the Cross. **Evil abounds. Jesus goes forth to suffer and die.**  
How we tremble with fear? **How we weep.**

Why have we forsaken Him? **Why have we betrayed and run from His Passion?**  
Lord, have mercy upon us. **Christ, have mercy upon us.**  
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**HYMN** *Go to Dark Gethsemane* (verse 1) UMH 290

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1. Go to dark Gethsemane, ye 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.

**THE ARREST AND INTERROGATION** John 18: 1-27

**HYMN** *Surely He Has Borne Our Suffering*  
Hymn Tune: Rathbun Words: Carolyn Winfrey Gillette, used with permission. Music: Ithamar Conkey, 1849

Surely he has borne our suffering; He has carried all our pain.  
His own life became an offering, All to make us whole again.  
How we love the joyful thunder — Easter songs, in crowded pews.  
May we pause and pray and wonder As the cross bears your good news.  
Though we love the city cheering, Though we love the bread and cup,  
May we pause to hear the jeering, May we see Christ lifted up.  
Only as we pause and pray here At the foot of Jesus' cross,  
Will we know the gift of Easter: God brings new life out of loss.

**THE TRIAL** John 18: 28-19:16a

**HYMN***Go to Dark Gethsemane (verse 2)*

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2. See him at the judgment hall, beaten, bound, reviled, arraigned;  
 O the wormwood and the gall! O the pangs his soul sustained!  
 Shun not suffering, shame, or loss; learn of Christ to bear the cross.

**THE CRUCIFIXION**

John 19: 16b-27

**CHORAL OFFERING***O Sacred Hands Now Wounded*

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Chancel Choir; Clara Johnson, director; Kyle Hanks, pianist

**IT IS FINISHED**

John 19: 28-37

**HYMN***Go to Dark Gethsemane (verse 3)*

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3. Calvary's mournful mountain climb; there, adoring at his feet,  
 mark that miracle of time, God's own sacrifice complete.  
 "It is finished!" hear him cry; learn of Jesus Christ to die.

**THE BURIAL**

John 19: 38-42

**HYMN***Were You There*

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1. Were you there when they crucified my Lord?(were you there)  
 Were you there when they crucified my Lord? (were you there)  
 Oh! sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
 Were you there when they crucified my Lord? (were you there)
2. Were you there when they nailed him to the tree? (were you there)  
 Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree? (were you there)  
 Oh! sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
 Were you there when they nailed him to the tree? (were you there)
3. Were you there when they pierced him in the side? (were you there)  
 Were you there when they pierced him in the side? (were you there)  
 Oh! sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
 Were you there when they pierced him in the side? (were you there)
4. Were you there when the sun refused to shine? (were you there)  
 Were you there when the sun refused to shine? ((were you there)  
 Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
 Were you there when the sun refused to shine? (were you there)
5. Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? (were you there)  
 Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? (were you there)  
 Oh! sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
 Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? (were you there)

**SCRIPTURE**

Hebrews 4: 14-16; 5: 7-9

**CHORAL OFFERING***You Will Be With Me in Paradise*

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Dianna Burdick, soprano; Laura Singer; alto  
 Chancel Choir; Clara Johnson, director; Kyle Hanks, pianist

**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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

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Varre Cummins, vocalist; Kyle Hanks, pianist

**O Sacred Hands, Now Wounded**

O sacred hands, now wounded and nailed upon a tree; the feet that walked on water are pierced by cruelty. How could love be so precious and bought at such a cost? The Lord of earth and heaven now hangs upon a cross.

**You Will Be with Me in Paradise**

You will be with Me in paradise. Remember me, O Lord. Remember me when You reach Your heavenly throne. You are my only hope for heaven. I put my trust in You alone. Remember me in paradise. When my body is just too weary to live another day on this earth. Lord, lift me up into Your Kingdom and give my soul a second birth. Remember me in paradise. In my Father's house are many mansions. I'll prepare a place for you. I will come to bring you home. I will come again to bring you home. Remember me, O Lord, when I come before Your throne. You are my hope for heaven. I will trust in You alone. Remember me. I will welcome you.



**See you Easter Sunday**

**Ventura First UMC 9:30 am**

**North Oxnard UMC / Garden Church 11:15 am**