

Welcome to Worship at Central UMC!

We are blessed by your presence today! Please complete a ***Connect Card*** located in the pew back. Doing so allows you to connect with your church family by sharing prayer concerns, learning about new ministries and lets us know you joined us for worship.

Activity bags are available in the narthex for children.

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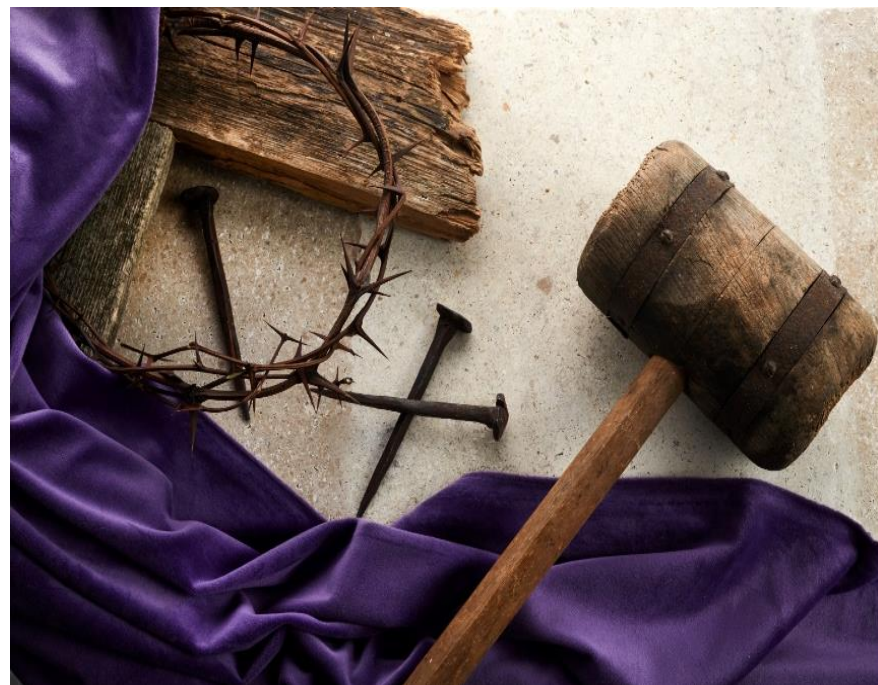


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United Methodist Church



GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP SERVICE
APRIL 18, 2025 | 7:00 P.M.

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Good Friday Service in the Sanctuary

April 18, 2025 | 7:00 P.M.

✠ Please stand in body or spirit. | UMH - United Methodist Hymnal
Congregational responses in **bold**.

***As the Prelude begins, please be seated and
let there be silence in the Sanctuary.***

PRELUDE

O Sacred Head

Music by Hans Leo Hassler (1564-1612)

Setting by Michael Fontana | VAV- Organ

GREETING

Christ himself bore our sins in his body on the tree.
That we might die to sin and live to righteousness.

PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN OF PRAISE *The Old Rugged Cross* UMH 504

THE REPROACHES:

CHRIST'S LAMENT AGAINST HIS FAITHLESS CHURCH

- 1) O my people, O my Church, what have I done to you, or
in what have I offended you?

I led you forth from the land of Egypt
and delivered you by the waters of baptism,
but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

**Holy God,
holy and mighty,
holy and immortal One,
have mercy upon us.**

- 2) I led you through the desert forty years and fed you
with manna; I brought you through times of persecution
and of renewal and gave you my body, the bread of heaven;
but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

**Holy God,
holy and mighty,
holy and immortal One,
have mercy upon us.**

- 3) I came to you as the least of your brothers and sisters.
I was hungry but you gave me no food,
thirsty but you gave me no drink.
I was a stranger but you did not welcome me,
naked but you did not clothe me,
sick and in prison but you did not visit me.

**Holy God,
holy and mighty,
holy and immortal One,
have mercy upon us.**

HYMN OF PREPARATION *Were You There* UMH 288

SCRIPTURE Isaiah 53:1-12 (NIV)

SERMON "A Man of Suffering"

STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

DEPART IN SILENCE

John 19:18 says, "And they crucified Jesus." The Roman soldiers hammered nails into Jesus' hands and feet. As we leave the sanctuary there is a cross in the Narthex. If you would like, you may take the mallet and partially hammer in one of the nails. As you hammer a nail in the cross, ask for forgiveness for a specific sin in your life. We ask that you do not try to hammer in the nail as far as possible to allow others to participate as well. Please follow any instructions that are given. Whether you decide to hammer the nail or not, please remain silent as you exit the worship space.

GOING FORTH

Serving in Worship This Evening

Senior Pastor: Dr. Bill White, Jr. | Associate Pastor: Rev. J.D. Moffett
Director of Music Ministries: Dr. Valarie Alexandra Valois
Director Children's Ministries: Erica Kirby
Director of Youth Ministries: Julie Miles | Central Youth
Ushers: Matt & Nancy Gustafson and David & Amy Paschal