



Good Friday is a solemn day commemorating the crucifixion and death of Jesus Christ. It is a time for reflection, prayer, and penance, focusing on Jesus's sacrifice for humanity and God's love in redeeming the world. In the midst of the pain and the loss, we can find that the tears and the grave is a paradox. In three days, we see what was final is simply not final. The grave is empty. Death has died and lost its sting - that is truly "good".



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WELCOME

Pastor Beth Snarr

PRELUDE

"Kingsfold"
arr. Sandra Eithun

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Harold Henderson

For this we know: God is light, in whom there is no darkness at all.

And Jesus is the light of the world.

This story we are entering into tonight, then, is a judgment.

Light has come into the world, but...

we, the broken, loved darkness rather than light!

HYMN UMH 286 "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"

- ¹ O sacred Head, now wounded, with grief and shame weighed down, now scornfully surrounded with thorns, thine only crown: how pale thou art with anguish, with sore abuse and scorn! How does that visage languish which once was bright as morn!
- ² What thou, my Lord, hast suffered was all for sinners' gain; mine, mine was the transgression, but thine the deadly pain. Lo, here I fall, my Savior! 'Tis I deserve thy place; look on me with thy favor, vouchsafe to me thy grace.
- ³ What language shall I borrow to thank thee, dearest friend, for this thy dying sorrow, thy pity without end? O make me thine forever; and should I fainting be, Lord, let me never, never outlive my love to thee.

JESUS IS BETRAYED AND ARRESTED

John 18:1-14

Beth Gibson

Judas Speaks

Alex Gibson

HYMN FWS 2137 "Would I Have Answered When You Called?"

- ¹ Would I have answered when you called, "Come, follow, follow me!" Would I at once have left behind both work and family? Or would the old, familiar round have held me by its claim and kept the spark within my heart from bursting into flame?
- ² Would I have followed where you led through ancient Galilee, on roads unknown, by ways untried, beyond security? Or would I soon have hurried back where home and comfort drew, where truth you taught would not disturb the ordered life I knew?
- ³ Would I have matched my step with yours when crowds cried "Crucify!" when on a rocky hill I saw a cross against the sky? Or would I too have slipped away and left you there alone, a dying king with crown of thorns upon a terrible throne?

⁴ O Christ, I cannot search my heart through all its tangled ways, nor can I with a certain mind my steadfastness appraise. I only pray that when you call, "Come, follow, follow me!" you'll give me strength beyond my own to follow faithfully.

PETER DENIES JESUS

John 18:15-27
Peter Speaks

Alan Taylor
Tony Witts

SPECIAL MUSIC "Pie Jesu" from Requiem
Andrew Lloyd Webber

*Pius Jesus, who takes away the sins of the world, give them rest.
Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, give them everlasting rest.*

JESUS BEFORE PILATE

John 18:28-40
Pilate Speaks

Chris Qualmann
Chuck Sanders

HYMN UMH 292 "What Wondrous Love Is This"

- 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.

JESUS SENTENCED TO DEATH

John 19:1-16a
Mary, the Wife of Cleopas, Speaks

Marlene Udell
Cindy Woodruff

SPECIAL MUSIC "Do Not Be Afraid"
Phillip Stoppford

THE CRUCIFIXION OF JESUS

John 19:16b-27
Mary, Jesus' Mother, Speaks

Carol Morris
Jill Dumas

WE WELCOME AND AFFIRM THOSE OF EVERY RACE, ETHNICITY, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, GENDER IDENTITY, SOCIO-ECONOMIC CONDITION, FAMILY STRUCTURE, AND MENTAL OR PHYSICAL ABILITY INTO ALL ASPECTS OF THE LIFE OF THIS CONGREGATION.



HYMN UMH 298 "When I Survey The Wondrous Cross"

- ¹ When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of Glory died, my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.
- ² Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ, my God; all the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood.
- ³ See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down. Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?
- ⁴ Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were an offering far too small; love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

DEATH

John 19:28-30

Tim Leslie

SPECIAL MUSIC "Death Shall Not Destroy My Comfort"
arr. Mack Wilberg

BURIAL

John 19:31-42

Nicodemus Speaks

Anna Farabee

Dean Brown

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Were You There?"

BENEDICTION

Pastor Beth Snarr

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Thanks to our musicians at this service:

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Elvis Gomez • Jennifer Miller • Lynn Sandefur-Gardner
Maggie Tran • Jessica Van Leer
Chancel Choir

EASTER CELEBRATION SERVICE

We are having an on-campus and online celebration for Easter!
We hope you will join us this Sunday, April 5 at 10:30 a.m.
in the Sanctuary or online at fumcgnv.org/watch

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