



Voices of Ukraine



VOICES OF UKRAINE PRAYER SERVICE

GOOD FRIDAY

APRIL 15, 2022, 12 P.M.

All Are Welcome

Whether you are a guest or member, we invite you to register your attendance (scan the QR code in the pew) so we know you're here and we can get to know you better.

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GATHERING

**Please stand as you are comfortable.
Bold indicates congregational response.*

Prelude

Dr. Terry Byars

Words of Grace

Rev. Lane Cotton Winn

Prayer

God of Peace,
in Lent you draw us together to witness
the depth of your love for us.

Allow that love now to intercede in the invasion of Ukraine.

Rescue your children.

Unite our family.

End this war.

Amen.

*Hymn

O God of Every Nation
The United Methodist Hymnal 435, vs. 1, 4

STATION ONE

Jesus Prays Alone

Luke 22:39-44
"Take this cup from me."

Natalia from Kyiv

Lord, grant me a feeling of dislocation. Amen.

Jami Prince

Hymn

Open Our Eyes
The Faith We Sing Songbook 2086

STATION TWO

Jesus Is Arrested

Matthew 26:47-56
"Have you come with swords?"

Anna from Kyiv

Lord, grant me a feeling of horror. Amen.

Molly Means

Music from Ukraine

I Surrender All

Video

STATION THREE

The Sanhedrin Tries Jesus

Mark 14:61-64

“Are you the Christ?”

Kateryna in Lugansk

Lord, grant me a feeling of shock. Amen.

Jami Prince

Hymn

Lord, Listen to your Children Praying (2x)
The Faith We Sing Songbook 2193

Sighing Prayer

Pastor Lane

God,
we sigh.

We sigh because words cannot express our anguish,
our hurt, our despair, knowing that siblings in Ukraine are fleeing
their homes for their lives, that the cities and towns that hold
memories and culture and history may be destroyed.

Paul tells us in his letter to the Romans that the Spirit intercedes
for us with sighs too deep for words.
And so we sigh.

Let us breathe together.

May our sighs remind us
that we all share the same air;
that what impacts one of us impacts all of us;
that life is precious to God and war is never necessary.

May our sighs be a prayer
for every Ukrainian who worries about surviving today;
for those who will not survive this invasion;
for those who will survive and be forever changed
by the trauma of war;
for those Russian soldiers who question their orders
and refuse to use their weapons.

May our sighs be a prayer
for nuclear deproliferation;
for an end to the sin of imperialism and colonization.

May our sighs be a prayer for truth, peace, and solidarity
to guide each of us; may our sighs be a prayer for Ukraine
and the whole world.

May our sighs fill our bodies with air
to breathe through grief and fear and
fill us with courage and connection,
so that we are ready to act in solidarity with Ukraine,
for an end to this war
and all war. Amen.

Prayer Reponse

Lord, Listen to your Children Praying (reprise)
The Faith We Sing Songbook 2193

STATION FOUR

Pilate Tries Jesus

John 18:33-38a
"Are you King of the Jews?"

Natalia in Kyiv

Molly Means

Maia in Kyiv

Jami Prince

*Lord, teach me to be just and compassionate
if ever I am in a position when I must make a decision
concerning someone else. Amen.*

Hymn

This is My Song
The United Methodist Hymnal 437, vs. 1

STATION FIVE

Pilate Sentences Jesus

Mark 15:6-15
"Crucify him!"

Sergei in Kyiv

Ben Hartman

*Lord, correct me when I am too quick in judging
others and too slow in response to injustice. Amen.*

Hymn

This is My Song
The United Methodist Hymnal 437, vs. 2

STATION SIX

Jesus Wears a Crown

John 19:5
"Here is the man."

Lyudmila in Mariupol

Jami Prince

Lord, give me the faithfulness to not look away. Amen.

Hymn

This is My Song

The United Methodist Hymnal 437, vs. 3

STATION SEVEN

Jesus Carries His Cross

John 10:17-18

"I have the right to take it up."

Ivan in Lugansk

Ben Hartman

Lord, help me accept the tribulations I will endure for your sake. Amen.

Hymn

O How He Loves You an Me

The Faith We Sing Songbook 2108, vs. 1, 2

Prayer for the War in Ukraine

Pastor Lane

God of hope,

**we pray to you when hope is scarce
as our world convulses with the horror of war.**

**You alone know the extent of the crimes committed in Ukraine:
the people murdered, the homes and infrastructure destroyed,
the way violence comes as a calamity,
cutting a swath through the world.**

**Why is power concentrated in the hands of so few?
How can we make this war stop?**

**You alone know a way out of this quagmire of evil.
Help us find it.**

**Awaken those who dismiss this as someone else's problem.
Give world leaders wisdom as they impose sanctions,
looking for diplomatic and economic ways to end
this aggression.**

**Raise up resistance to war in Russia itself.
Protect the people of Ukraine,
who are reeling from the trauma of invasion.**

**Open the arms of neighboring countries
to take in refugees.**

**In times like these,
fill us with resolve rather than hatred.**

**Help us believe that justice will prevail,
that crimes will be prosecuted,
that peace can be found
even in the roar and rubble of war.**

Amen.

***Hymn**

A Prayer for Our Times

New Hymn written for Ukraine, to the tune of
"Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart"

**God of all nations, thank you for your care.
Show your salvation. Answer this our prayer.
We pray an end to war and peace to reign.
Be with your faithful servants in Ukraine.**

**Fam 'lies with children fleeing now in fear,
Be their strong refuge. Show them you are near.
Send forth your angels, taking charge in love.
Send wisdom to our leaders from above.**

**Lead all your churches in this quest for peace.
Have mercy, hear our pray'r and grant relief.
Bring comfort, hope, and strength we ask again.
We pray in Jesus' holy name. Amen.**

STATION EIGHT

Simon Carries the Cross

Luke 23:26
Simon the Cyrene

Natalia from Kyiv

Lord, teach me to be generous. Amen.

Jami Prince

Anthem

What Does the Lord Require of You
featuring Ben Hartman, Steve Rushing,
and Pastor Lane

STATION NINE

Jesus Speaks to the Women

Luke 23:27-31
"Cry for yourselves."

Yaroslava from Borodianka

Lord, remind me that you weep when I weep. You feel what I feel. Amen.

Molly Means

Anthem

God Weeps
featuring Steve Rushing

STATION TEN

Jesus is Crucified

Luke 23:33-34
Jesus on the Cross

Darla from Mariupol

Molly Means

Lord, forgive me when I take for granted all that I have. Amen.

Hymn

Where Charity and Love Prevail
The United Methodist Hymnal 549, vs. 1, 6

STATION ELEVEN

Criminals Speak to Jesus

Luke 23:39-43
"Today you will be with me."

Nick from Mariupol

Ben Hartman

Lord, may I never feel cut off from you. Amen.

Hymn

Jesus, Remember Me (2x)
The United Methodist Hymnal 488

STATION TWELVE

Jesus Speaks to Mary and John

John 19:25b-27
"Woman, here is your son."

Kateryna from Lugansk

Jami Prince

Come, Lord Jesus, Come. Amen.

Hymn

Come Fill Our Hearts
The Faith We Sing Songbook 2157

STATION THIRTEEN

Jesus Dies on the Cross

John 19:28-34
"It is completed."

Elena from Kharkiv

Molly Means

Silence

STATION FOURTEEN

Jesus is Laid in the Tomb

John 19:38-42
There they laid Jesus.

Kateryna from Lugansk

Molly Means

Silence

RESPONDING WITH COMPASSION

Prayer for Peace

*As prayers are lifted, when "God of peace" is spoken,
please respond with "hear our prayer."*

Offering Our Tithes and Gift to God

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace
featuring Steve Rushing

*Unless otherwise noted, all gifts made during our service
will be given to UMCOR to support their humanitarian relief efforts in Ukraine.
You may also make a donation online at stjohnsbr.org/give
by selecting the "UMCOR-Ukraine" Fund.*

Psalm of Protection

Psalm 91

Jami Prince

Music from Ukraine

There Is Only One Reason

Video

A Reading for Good Friday

"Trust"

Ben Hartman

In an ancient book
I have read of innocents
being thrown into a lion's den.
I have learned it is so,
But I have trusted.
One whom I believe has said,
"Rain falls on the just
as well as the unjust."
I have learned it is so,
But I have trusted.
Now this has happened.
Still, I trust. Yes, still I trust.

For
It is in trusting
 that I am alive to the utmost,
It is in loving
 that I am most fulfilled,
It is in hoping
 that I live to see a better day.

DEPARTING IN PEACE

***Hymn**

Let There Be Peace On Earth
The United Methodist Hymnal 431

***Benediction**

Pastor Lane

***Postlude**

Terry Byars

WORSHIP NOTES

Thank you for everyone who assisted in our worship service today.

Voices of Ukraine testimonials gathered by Tatyana Borodina, Ukrainian-American, who has been gathering and publishing them in the Ukrainian-oriented magazine *Elegant New York*.

Sighing Prayer by Rev. Emily Brewer, Executive Director of Presbyterian Peace Fellowship

Prayer for the War in Ukraine by Rev. Carol Penner

Prayer for Peace by Rev. Betsy Stewart-Dooley

“Trust” by Rev. John Winn, *For All Seasons*

Worship With Us

Good Friday Worship Service

Friday, April 15, 6 p.m.

Our Good Friday worship service, "The Long and Winding Road to the Cross" will weave together the traditional Good Friday readings about Jesus' final hours, his crucifixion, and his death, along with time for reflection and prayer. Join us for this solemn worship service at 6 p.m. in our sanctuary and online

Easter Sunday Worship

8:30 & 11 a.m.



Celebrate the glory of Christ's resurrection on Easter Sunday at our regular worship times in the sanctuary and online. Children will process with flowers to pin on the cross.

Families with children: please plan to arrive early in order that we may have all the children in line and with a flower.

Resurrection Stories & Songs

8:30 & 11 a.m.



On Sunday, April 24, we will share in a Service of Resurrection Stories and Songs at both 8:30 and 11 a.m. It will be in the style of "Lessons and Carols," which is popular around Advent and Christmas.

We will read together the varied post-Easter resurrection stories of Jesus visiting his disciples and sing some of the most beloved Easter hymns of our faith. These stories in scripture will continue to inspire, as will the joyful music and the other aspects of our worship.