



**GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP**  
**APRIL 15, 2022, 6 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 FOR THE JOURNEY

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

Prelude

Dr. Terry Byars

Words of Grace and Welcome

Rev. Lane Cotton Winn

**\*Prayer of Centering**

**Almighty God, Your Son Jesus Christ was lifted high upon the cross so that he might draw the whole world to himself. Grant that we, who glory in this death for our salvation, may also glory in his call to take up our cross and follow him. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.**

**\*Hymn**

*Beneath the Cross of Jesus*  
The United Methodist Hymnal 297, vs. 1

## WALKING THE WAY OF THE CROSS

*Liturgist: Rev. Bernadine Johnson*

**Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane**

Matthew 26:36-41

**Reflection**

*Consider a time when you prayed desperately to God for relief or resolution.  
Did you feel the presence of God at that time?  
Did you feel isolated and alone?*

**Prayer**

**Gracious God,  
Grant us your strength and wisdom,  
that we may seek to follow your will in all things. Amen.**

**Hymn**

*Beneath the Cross of Jesus*  
The United Methodist Hymnal 297, vs. 3

**Jesus, Betrayed by Judas, Is Arrested**

Mark 14:43-56

**Reflection**

*Consider a time when you felt deeply hurt by a close friend or family member.  
What was your immediate reaction?*

## Prayer

**Gracious God,  
Grant us the courage of our convictions  
that our lives may faithfully reflect the good news you bring.  
Amen.**

## Hymn

*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*  
The United Methodist Hymnal 298, vs. 1

## Jesus Is Condemned

Luke 22:66-71

## Reflection

*Consider a time when you felt unjustly accused or judged.  
Did you argue your case? Did you keep silent?*

## Prayer

**Gracious God,  
Grant us your sense of righteousness  
that we may never cease to work to bring about  
the justice of the kingdom that you promised. Amen.**

## Hymn

*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*  
The United Methodist Hymnal 298, vs. 2

## Jesus Is Denied by Peter

Matthew 26:69-75

## Reflection

*Consider a time when you failed to act with courage.  
How did that experience effect you?  
Did you acknowledge your actions in any way?*

## Prayer

**Gracious God,  
Grant us the gift of honesty  
that we may not fear to speak the truth  
even when we find it difficult. Amen.**

## Hymn

*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*  
The United Methodist Hymnal 298, vs. 4

## Jesus Is Judged by Pilot

Mark 15:1-5, 15

## Reflection

*Consider how you relate to Jesus Christ today.  
Does he have authority in your life?  
Do his teachings shape your daily living?*

## Prayer

**Gracious God,  
Grant us discernment  
that we may see as you see,  
not as the world sees. Amen.**

## Anthem

*The Long and Winding Road*  
featuring Dr. Katherine Kemler on flute

## Jesus Is Scourged and Crowned with Thorns

John 19:1-3

## Reflection

*Consider a time when you have been mocked for your identity  
or perhaps a time when you have demeaned or belittled  
the identity of others.  
What pain did those actions cause? Is any healing still needed?*

## Prayer

**Gracious God,  
Grant us patience in times of suffering  
that we may offer our lives as a sacrifice of praise. Amen.**

## Hymn

*Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross*  
The United Methodist Hymnal 301, vs. 1

## Jesus Bears the Cross

John 19:6, 15-17

## Reflection

*Consider a time when your anger dictated your actions.  
Did you feel justified? Do you still?*

## Prayer

**Gracious God,  
Grant us strength  
that we may faithfully bear our crosses each day. Amen.**

## Hymn

*Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross*  
The United Methodist Hymnal 301, vs. 2

## Jesus Is Helped to Carry the Cross

Mark 15:21

## Reflection

*Consider an experience when someone  
supported you in a time of sorrow, grief and pain.  
Did the presence of that person make a difference to you?  
Do you know someone who could use your support in this way?*

**Prayer**

**Gracious God,  
Grant us willing spirits  
that we may be your instruments on earth. Amen.**

**Hymn**

*Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross*  
The United Methodist Hymnal 301, vs. 3

**Jesus Meets the Women of Jerusalem**

Luke 23:27-31

**Reflection**

*Consider a time when you have grieved for the state of the world  
and for future generations. Perhaps that time is even now.  
How do you acknowledge and process such grief?*

**Prayer**

**Gracious God,  
Grant us gentle spirits  
that we may comfort those who mourn. Amen.**

**Hymn**

*O How He Loves You and Me*  
The Faith We Sing Songbook 2108, vs. 1

**Jesus Is Crucified**

Luke 23:33-34

**Reflection**

*Consider a time when you needed forgiveness.  
Did you ask for it? Was it offered?  
Consider a time when someone needed your forgiveness,  
whether it was asked for or not.  
Did you offer it?*

**Prayer**

**Gracious God,  
Grant us merciful hearts  
that we may bring your reconciliation and forgiveness to all.  
Amen.**

**Hymn**

*O How He Loves You and Me*  
The Faith We Sing Songbook 2108, vs. 2

**Jesus Promises to Share His Kingdom**

Luke 23:39-43

**Reflection**

*Consider a time when you were included in an experience  
or group in a meaningful way.  
What did that feeling of welcome and belonging mean to you?*

## Prayer

Gracious God,  
Grant us perseverance  
that we may never stop seeking you. Amen.

## Hymn

*Jesus, Remember Me*  
The United Methodist Hymnal 488

## Jesus Speaks to His Mother and the Disciple

John 19:25-27

## Reflection

*Consider your relationship with friends  
who have become like family.  
What makes those relationships meaningful?*

## Prayer

Gracious God,  
Grant us constancy  
that we may be willing to stand by those in need. Amen.

## Hymn

*The Servant Song*  
The Faith We Sing Songbook 2222, vs. 1, 2

## Jesus Dies on the Cross

Luke 23:44-46

## Reflection

*Consider your breath.  
Inhale.  
Exhale.*

## Prayer

Gracious God,  
Grant us trust in you  
that when our time on earth is ended,  
our spirits may come to you without delay. Amen.

## Hymn

*The Servant Song*  
The Faith We Sing Songbook 2222, vs. 5

## Jesus Is Placed In the Tomb

Matthew 27:57-60

## Reflection

*Consider the death of a loved one.  
In what rituals do you find comfort in the midst of sorrow,  
hope in the midst of grief?*

## Prayer

Gracious God,  
Grant us your compassion

that we may always provide for those in need. Amen.

## **Anthem**

*O Sacred Head Now Wounded*  
featuring Dr. Steve Rushing

# **DEPARTING**

## **\*Prayer of Acknowledgement**

Dear Jesus,  
This tiny nail that sits comfortably in my hand stirs a deep  
discomfort in my soul  
as I reflect upon your way to the cross.  
The anguish, betrayal and condemnation  
that you experienced weigh heavy on my heart.  
The ridicule, the brutality and unjust death  
that you suffered bring tears to my eyes.  
Your labored breathing, with which you offered grace and  
forgiveness to those who turned on you, brings my own breath  
into focus right now.  
With every exhale, may I dispel the taste of death.  
With every inhale, may I be filled with hope for the new life that  
can only come from the other side of the cross. Amen.

## **\*Hymn**

*Lift High the Cross*  
The United Methodist Hymnal 159, refrain

## **Blessing and Sending Forth**

## **Postlude**

*Please depart during silence.*

Terry Byars

# **WORSHIP NOTES**

Prayer of Centering from *United Methodist Book of Worship*, page 362.  
Blessing and Sending Forth by Ann Weems

# Worship With Us

**Easter Sunday**  
**8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.**



Celebrate the glory of Christ's resurrection on Easter Sunday at our regular worship times in the sanctuary and online. We will sing beloved Easter hymns, proclaim the Good News of the resurrection, hear an Easter message by Pastor Lane and share in Holy Communion. 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 a.m. and 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.



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