

# Service of Worship for Good Friday

## April 3, 2026 - 7:00pm

**Organ Prelude:** *"Beneath the Cross of Jesus"*  
*"The Old Rugged Cross"*  
*"Near the Cross"*

*by Frederick C. Maker; arr. Silver Piano*  
*by George Bennard; arr. Richard Kingsmore*  
*by William H. Doane; arr. Richard Kingsmore*

**Words of Welcome**

*Rev. Amy Terhune*

**\*Call to Worship** *(based on Isaiah 53:5-8)*

*Rev. Amy Terhune*

One: He was wounded for our transgressions, and crushed for our sinfulness.

**All: On Him was the punishment that makes us whole, and by His bruises we are healed. The Lord laid on Him the vices of us all.**

One: We are like sheep who have gone astray and turned to our own way.

**All: And He became a lamb led to slaughter, silent before His assailants.**

One: By the perversion of justice, He was condemned.

**All: Could any have imagined His future?**

**\*Opening 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.

**Unison Prayer of Confession:**

*Rev. Amy Terhune*

**God of Passion, on this day of betrayal and death, we remember those times we have been part of the crowd seeking our best interest over what is right and good. God of Fidelity, on this day of fear and denial, we remember those times when we choose the path of safety over loyalty to your Way. God of Constant Presence, on this day of despair and loss, we remember the ways we have wandered away from your presence, only to complain that we are abandoned. God of the Cross, for all the ways we have missed the mark or fallen short, forgive us. Through your grace, bring us back into right relationship with you, and help us find the path again.**

*(adapted from Rev. Gord on <http://worshipofferings.blogspot.ca/>)*

## Time of Silent Meditation

### The Words of Assurance

*Rev. Amy Terhune*

Even in the face of betrayal and rebellion; Even in the face of death and denial; Even in the face of fear and despair, God's grace knows no bounds. We are forgiven; we are called back into relationship; we are set back on the path that leads to the Realm of God. Thanks be to God. Amen.

### \*Hymn UMH #288: "Were You There" (vs. 1-3)

- 1) Were you there when they crucified my Lord?  
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?  
Oh! sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
- 2) Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?  
Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?  
Oh! sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

### The Pastoral Prayer

*Rev. Kenny Walkup*

#### The 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: "Via Dolorosa" – Bethany Tomasino, soloist

*by Billy Sprague / Niles Borop / Sandi Patty*

### Scripture Reading: Mark 14:32-50

*Judy McKellar*

<sup>32</sup> They went to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to his disciples, "Sit here while I pray."  
<sup>33</sup> He took with him Peter and James and John and began to be distressed and agitated. <sup>34</sup> And he said to them, "My soul is deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and keep awake."  
<sup>35</sup> And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. <sup>36</sup> He said, "Abba, Father, for you all things are possible; remove this cup from me, yet not what I want but what you want." <sup>37</sup> He came and found them sleeping, and he said to Peter, "Simon, are you asleep? Could you not keep awake one hour? <sup>38</sup> Keep awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." <sup>39</sup> And again he went away and prayed, saying the same words. <sup>40</sup> And once more he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy, and they did not know what to say to him. <sup>41</sup> He came a third time and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? Enough! The hour has come; the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. <sup>42</sup> Get up, let us be going. Look, my betrayer is at hand."  
<sup>43</sup> Immediately, while he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived, and with him there was a crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders.

<sup>44</sup> Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, "The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him and lead him away under guard." <sup>45</sup> So when he came, he went up to him at once and said, "Rabbi!" and kissed him. <sup>46</sup> Then they laid hands on him and arrested him. <sup>47</sup> But one of those who stood near drew his sword and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear. <sup>48</sup> Then Jesus said to them, "Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a rebel? <sup>49</sup> Day after day I was with you in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me. But let the scriptures be fulfilled." <sup>50</sup> All of them deserted him and fled.

**Choral Anthem:** *"The Only Road to Easter Morning"*

*by Beall/Carter*

**Sermon**

*"GETHSEMANE"*

*Rev. Ernesto Mariona*

**\*Closing Hymn UMH #285:** *"To Mock Your Reign"*

- 1) To mock your reign, O dearest Lord, they made a crown of thorns;  
Set you with taunts along that road from which no one returns.  
They could not know, as we do now, how glorious is that crown;  
That thorns would flower upon your brow, your sorrows heal our own.
- 2) In mock acclaim, O gracious Lord, they snatched a purple cloak;  
Your passion turned, for all they cared, into a soldier's joke.  
They could not know, as we do now, that though we merit blame,  
You will your robe of mercy throw around our naked shame.
- 3) A sceptered reed, O patient Lord, they thrust into your hand,  
And acted out their grim charade to its appointed end.  
They could not know, as we do now, though empires rise and fall,  
Your kingdom shall not cease to grow till love embraces all.

**\*Benediction**

*Rev. Amy Terhune*

**\*Postlude:** *"Ah, Holy Jesus"*

*by Johann Cruger; arr. Todd Kendall*



**\* You are invited to stand if you are able**

**PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S SERVICE:**

Rev. Ernesto Mariona – Freeland United Methodist Church  
Rev. Amy Terhune – First United Methodist Church  
Rev. Kenny Walkup – Four Points United Methodist Church  
Bryan Latimer, Organist – First United Methodist Church  
Rod Bieber, Choir Director – First United Methodist Church

*Thank-you to all the choir members from these churches who participated. We appreciate all of you!*

**CELEBRATE EASTER IN OUR COMMUNITY!**

- Saginaw 1st UMC: 9:15am Easter Mini-Breakfast; 10:00am Easter Worship
- Freeland UMC: 10:00am Easter Worship
- Four Points Church: Sunrise Worship 7:00am; Easter Breakfast 7:30am  
Easter Worship 9:00am and 10:30am

**THE SEVEN LAST UTTERANCES OF JESUS**

**“Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.” – Luke 23:34**

**“Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise.” – Luke 23:43**

**“My God, My God, Why have you forsaken me?” – Matthew 27:46**

**Jesus said to his mother: “Woman, here is your son.”**

**Then he said to the disciple: “Here is your mother.” – John 19:26-27**

**“I Thirst” – John 19:28**

**“It Is finished.” – John 19:30**

**“Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.” – Luke 23:46**