

*We invite, encourage, educate and empower
all people to follow God and serve others.”*

Good Friday

March 30, 2018

Welcome to this service for Good Friday. In this service we are reminded that when Jesus is on the cross, he accepts the power of death upon himself and does not turn away from it. We, too, must face death when it comes and not turn away from it, knowing that his salvation awaits us on the other side. May this evening’s service help us face the inevitable crossroads of death with the certain hope of everlasting life through Christ and his cross.

HYMN

“Go to Dark Gethsemane”

#347 vs 1-3

OPENING DIALOGUE

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me;

Your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

For you have delivered my soul from death, my feet from falling,

That I may walk before God in the light of life.

For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit.

Therefore we give glory to God who raised him up and gave us the promise of salvation.

PRAYER

Jesus said, “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life”

Lord, we come to you confessing that we find ourselves too often at the crossroads of life and death and find ourselves choosing death. We wander into the darkness that beckons. We go the way of our own imitations of life and find ourselves in the face of death. We enter tombs

of our own making that we cannot seem to escape. We stand in terror of death and cannot break its grasp.

Resurrecting Lord, forgive us our deadly choices and give us your strength to choose life, to go into the light that you have bought for us. Make us who celebrate the gift of life seek to share it with all those who walk with us. Fill us with the Spirit so that we might overflow with the giving that proclaims your very presence with us. Amen.

HYMN *“Ah, Holy Jesus”* #349 vs 1 - 2

SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 53 (*The Message*)

HYMN *“Ah, Holy Jesus”* #349 vs 3 - 4

SCRIPTURE READING John 19:16b-23

HYMN *“Were You There When They Crucified My Lord”* #353

SCRIPTURE READING John 19:23-25a

HYMN *“Were You There When They Nailed Him to the Tree”*

SCRIPTURE READING John 19:25b-30

Bell tolls 33 times

One for each year Jesus lived among us before his crucifixion.

SCRIPTURE READING John 19:31-37

HYMN *“Were You There When They Pierced Him in the Side”*

REFLECTIONS *“Death”* Mary, Mother of Jesus

HYMN *“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”* #351 vs 1& 4

SCRIPTURE READING

John 19:28-42

HYMN *“Were You There When They Laid Him in the Tomb”*

The Christ Candle is removed and the tomb is closed.

*You may remain for prayer and meditation. When you leave,
please do so quietly.*

The offering will be received by the door as you leave.

Musician: Peg Tesch

Saturday, March 31st

10:00am @ OSJ

bring your own basket.

all ages are welcome



Worship Services at 7:00am and 9:30 am

WELCA will be serving a delicious breakfast from 8:15-9:15

Everyone is welcome! Bring a friend!