

Welcome to Grace United Methodist Church!!

April 7, 2023 – Good Friday



Meditation Verse: *“He said, ‘It is finished.’ Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.” – John 19:30*

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Order of Worship

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Call to Worship

Leader: In the name of Christ we gather on this day of Good Friday to remember anew the struggle of the cross and the final victory.

People: With you, Lord, we wish to remain.

Leader: Let us walk together to the cross, see our Lord's suffering, hear his voice pleading for drink, and asking for pardon for those who tortured him mercilessly.

People: O, how to hold back the tears in the midst of so much pain? And even then, you taught us how to love.

Leader: When the day darkened and it seemed to envelop the whole earth, we thought all was lost.

People: But amid the darkness, we saw your light.

Leader: It was there when the sun darkened and the temple veil tore in half that we heard your voice, "Father, into your hands I **commend my spirit.**" **Then there was peace.**

People: In the midst of life's darkness, peace also comes when, with complete confidence, we offer ourselves to you, beloved Lord.

Leader: Because in that hour of darkness and pain your light shone brightly when the centurion exclaimed, "Truly this man is the Son of God."

People: With you, Lord, we wish to remain.

*Hymn #301 – Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross

Christ and the Cross - from A Centurion's Perspective

Reading 1: "Arrival in Jerusalem"

Reading 2: "The Betrayal"

Reading 3: John 18:1-2

Reading 4: "The Garden"

*Hymn #290 – Go to Dark Gethsemane – Verses 1 and 2

Reading 5: John 18:3-11

Reading 6: “The Arrest”

Reading 7: John 18:12-14

Reading 8: “Jesus Before the High Priest”

Reading 9: John 18:15-18

*Hymn #292 – What Wondrous Love Is This – Vs. 1 and 2

Reading 10: “The Denial”

Reading 11: John 18:19-24

Reading 12: “To the Sanhedrin”

Reading 13: John 18:28-40

Reading 14: “At Pilate's”

Reading 15: John 19:1-16a

Reading 16: “The Flogging and Mocking”

Reading 17: John 19:16b-37

Reading 18: “The Crucifixion of Christ”

*Hymn #288 – Were You There – Verses 1-3

Reading 19: “The Death of Christ”

*Hymn #288 – Were You There – Verses 4-5

Reading 20: “The Curtain Is Torn”

*Hymn #292 – What Wondrous Love Is This – Vs. 3 and 4

Reading 21: John 19:38-42

Reading 22: “The Burial of Jesus”

*Hymn #287 – O Love Divine, What Hast Thou Done

*Closing Prayer

*Blessing

Please stand as you are led and as you are able.

Lectionary Readings:

Colossians 3:1-4
Psalm 118:1-2 and 14-24
Matthew 28:1-10
John 20:1-18

To go a little deeper
with these readings
each day this week,
please go to:
pastorjohnb.org

GPS – Grow, Pray, Study

- 1) *Grow*. How has the fictional centurion's view of Holy Week deepened your personal connection to Jesus' death?
- 2) *Pray*. Who do you know that could benefit from this account of Jesus' last days? Pray for guidance and a way to share it with them!
- 3) *Study*. Read Matthew 27:45-56. What do these verses add to your understanding of Good Friday and to the fictional account of the Roman centurion?

Easter Sunday Message: We gather on Easter Sunday to go with Mary and Martha, preparing to weep but hearing the good news that Jesus is alive!!

This Week at Grace:

- Monday – 3:00 PM – After School Program
- Tuesday – 6:00 PM – Grief Support Group
- Tuesday – 3:00 PM – Art with Heart
- Friday – 6:30 AM – Women's Study – Fellowship Hall

Announcements:

Our April Mission of the Month is "Teacher Appreciation." Please grab a card and write a quick note. Also, thank you for your financial support (to buy gift cards.)

Please consider signing up to serve on a Sunday morning. Simply choose a Sunday that is convenient for you and sign up on the sheets opposite the drinking fountains! Thank you for serving.

May God Bless you throughout the coming week!!