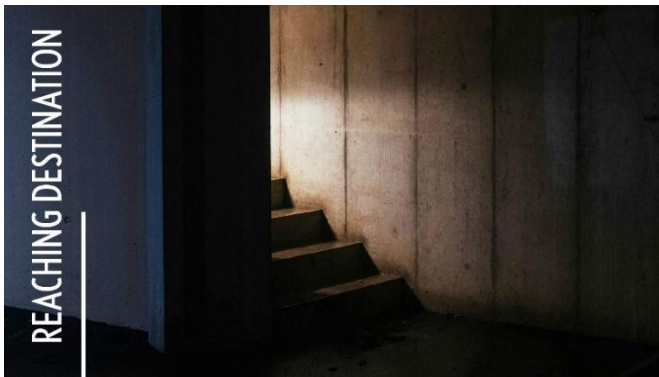


# Welcome to Grace United Methodist Church!!

Good Friday – April 3, 2026 – 6 pm



Meditation Verse: *“When he had received the sour wine, Jesus said, “It is completed.” Bowing his head, he gave up his life.” – John 19:30*

This night feels like it is the end. Jesus has reached his final destination. That is what Good Friday felt like long ago.

Isaiah foretold the story. As we read the story from John’s gospel, we remember the arrest and the denial, the trials and the whipping and mocking. We recall the cross being carried, the crucifixion, and the burial. The end.

## Order of Worship

Welcome and Opening Prayer

\*Opening Hymn #504 – The Old Rugged Cross

## Call to Worship:

Leader: Followers of Jesus, today we arrive at Pilate’s palace, hearing the cries of “Crucify! Crucify” from the crowds outside.

**People: We come to witness Jesus, sentenced to death by religious leaders, government officials, and the crowd.**

*(Continued)*

Leader: Today, we arrive at Golgotha, at the foot of the cross where only a few of Jesus' followers dared to gather to bear witness.

**People: We come to witness Jesus, crucified for teaching love, speaking truth, and forgiving sins.**

Leader: Today, we arrive at the tomb where Jesus' friends laid his body, a final act of love.

**People: We come to witness Jesus, his death a testament to all that sin and evil will do to resist the power of Love to transform the world.**

Leader: Today, we arrive at Good Friday to remember, once again, the story of Jesus crucified.

**People: We come to witness Jesus, who, even in death, shows us the magnitude of God's steadfast love that never fails.**

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 52:13-15 and 53:4-6

\*Song of Response: O Praise the Name (Anastasis)

Gospel Lesson and Hymn #288 - Were You There

- Were You There, *Verse 1*

- John 18:1-14... Were You There, *Verse 1b*

- John 18:15-27... Were You There, *Verse 1c*

- John 18:28-42... Were You There, *Verse 1d*

- John 19:1-16a... Were You There, *Verse 2a*

- John 19:16b-30... Were You There, *Verse 2*

- John 19:31-37... Were You There, *Verse 2b*

- John 19:38-42... Were You There, *Verse 3*

- Were You There, *Verse 1*

Evening Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

\*Closing Hymn #298 – When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

\*Blessing

*\*Please stand as you are able.\**