



# Wesley United Methodist Church

## GOOD FRIDAY

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### GOOD FRIDAY JOINT WORSHIP March 29, 2024 • 7:00 pm ORDER OF WORSHIP

*(Please be sure to silence your cell phones. Thank you!)*

**Prelude:** – Shane Cantanho

**Welcome and Opening Prayer:**

– Rev. John Oda, Senior Pastor

**Hymn:** “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” UMH #298

– Shane Cantanho

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When I survey the wondrous cross  
on which the Prince of Glory died,  
my richest gain I count but loss,  
and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,  
save in the death of Christ, my God;

all the vain things that charm me most,  
I sacrifice them to his blood.

See, from his head, his hands, his feet,  
sorrow and love flow mingled down.  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,  
or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
that were an offering far too small;  
love so amazing, so divine,  
demands my soul, my life, my all.

**First Reading:** John 18:28-35 — Yumi Haraguchi

<sup>28</sup>Then they took Jesus from Caiaphas to Pilate's headquarters. It was early in the morning. They themselves did not enter the headquarters, so as to avoid ritual defilement and to be able to eat the Passover. <sup>29</sup>So Pilate went out to them and said,

'What accusation do you bring against this man?'

<sup>30</sup>They answered, 'If this man were not a criminal, we would not have handed him over to you.'

<sup>31</sup>Pilate said to them, 'Take him yourselves and judge him according to your law.' The Jews replied, 'We are not permitted to put anyone to death.'

<sup>32</sup>(This was to fulfill what Jesus had said when he indicated the kind of death he was to die.) <sup>33</sup>Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, 'Are you the King of the

Jews?’ <sup>34</sup>Jesus answered, ‘Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?’ <sup>35</sup>Pilate replied, ‘I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?’

### **Choral Meditation:**

“O Sacred Head” — Wesley Chancel Choir,

*Words attr. to Bernard of Clairvaux, American Folk Hymn*

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### **Second Reading:** John 18:36-19:5 — Jim Mar

<sup>36</sup>Jesus answered, ‘My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.’ <sup>37</sup>Pilate asked him, ‘So you are a king?’ Jesus answered, ‘You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.’ <sup>38</sup>Pilate asked him, ‘What is truth?’ After he had said this, he went out to the Jews again and told them, ‘I find no case against him. <sup>39</sup>But you have a custom that I release someone for you at the Passover. Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?’ <sup>40</sup>They shouted in reply, ‘Not this man, but Barabbas!’ Now Barabbas was a bandit. <sup>1</sup>Then Pilate took Jesus and had him flogged. <sup>2</sup>And the

soldiers wove a crown of thorns and put it on his head, and they dressed him in a purple robe. <sup>3</sup>They kept coming up to him, saying, 'Hail, King of the Jews!' and striking him on the face. <sup>4</sup>Pilate went out again and said to them, 'Look, I am bringing him out to you to let you know that I find no case against him.' <sup>5</sup>So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them, 'Here is the man!'

**Hymn: "Ah, Holy Jesus" UMH #289 – Shane Cantanho**

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Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended,  
that we to judge thee have in hate pretended?  
By foes derided, by thine own rejected,  
O most afflicted!

Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon thee?  
Alas, my treason, Jesus, hath undone thee!  
'Twas I, Lord Jesus, I it was denied thee;  
I crucified thee.

Lo, the Good Shepherd for the sheep is offered;  
the slave hath sinned, and the Son hath suffered.  
For our atonement, while we nothing heeded,  
God interceded.

For me, kind Jesus, was thy incarnation,

thy mortal sorrow, and thy life's oblation;  
thy death of anguish and thy bitter passion,  
for my salvation.

Therefore, kind Jesus, since I cannot pay thee,  
I do adore thee, and will ever pray thee,  
think on thy pity and thy love unswerving,  
not my deserving.

**Third Reading:** John 19: 6-12 — Kasper Kimura

<sup>6</sup>When the chief priests and the police saw him, they shouted, 'Crucify him! Crucify him!' Pilate said to them, 'Take him yourselves and crucify him; I find no case against him.' <sup>7</sup>The Jews answered him, 'We have a law, and according to that law he ought to die because he has claimed to be the Son of God.' <sup>8</sup>Now when Pilate heard this, he was more afraid than ever. <sup>9</sup>He entered his headquarters again and asked Jesus, 'Where are you from?' But Jesus gave him no answer. <sup>10</sup>Pilate therefore said to him, 'Do you refuse to speak to me? Do you not know that I have power to release you, and power to crucify you?' <sup>11</sup>Jesus answered him, 'You would have no power over me unless it had been given you from above; therefore the one who handed me over to you is guilty of a greater sin.' <sup>12</sup>From then on Pilate tried to release him, but the Jews cried out, 'If you release this man, you are no friend of

the emperor. Everyone who claims to be a king sets himself against the emperor.'

### **Moment of Silence** — Congregation

#### **Fourth Reading:** John 19:13-18 — Barbara Hiura

<sup>13</sup>When Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus outside and sat on the judge's bench at a place called The Stone Pavement, or in Hebrew Gabbatha. <sup>14</sup>Now it was the day of Preparation for the Passover; and it was about noon. He said to the Jews, 'Here is your King!' <sup>15</sup>They cried out, 'Away with him! Away with him! Crucify him!' Pilate asked them, 'Shall I crucify your King?' The chief priests answered, 'We have no king but the emperor.' <sup>16</sup>Then he handed him over to them to be crucified. So they took Jesus; <sup>17</sup>and carrying the cross by himself, he went out to what is called The Place of the Skull, which in Hebrew is called Golgotha. <sup>18</sup>There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, with Jesus between them.

#### **Hymn:** "Jesus, Remember Me" UMH #488

— Shane Cantanho

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Jesus, remember me  
when you come into your kingdom.

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when you come into your kingdom.

**Fifth Reading:** John 19: 24b-25 — Rev. Bobbie Corson

<sup>24b</sup>They divided my clothes among themselves, and for my clothing they cast lots.’ <sup>25</sup>And that is what the soldiers did. Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene.

**The Lord’s Prayer:** UMH #895

Our Creator, 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.

**Last Reading:** John 19: 26-30 — Rev. Dick Corson

<sup>26</sup>When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, 'Woman, here is your son.' <sup>27</sup>Then he said to the disciple, 'Here is your mother.' And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home. <sup>28</sup>After this, when Jesus knew that all was now finished, he said (in order to fulfill the scripture), 'I am thirsty.' <sup>29</sup>A jar full of sour wine was standing there. So they put a sponge full of the wine on a branch of hyssop and held it to his mouth. <sup>30</sup>When Jesus had received the wine, he said, 'It is finished.' Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

**Hymn:** "Were You There"

— Shane Cantanho

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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?



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?

Were you there when they  
pierced him in the side?  
Were you there when they  
pierced him in the side?  
Oh! sometimes it causes me  
to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when they  
pierced him in the side?

Were you there when the  
sun refused to shine?  
Were you there when the  
sun refused to shine?  
Oh! sometimes it causes me  
to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when the  
sun refused to shine?

Were you there when they  
laid him in the tomb?  
Were you there when they  
laid him in the tomb?  
Oh! sometimes it causes me  
to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when they  
laid him in the tomb?

**Ritual Of Contrition:**

The Congregation is welcome to come forward to light a candle to remember Jesus' sacrifice for us on the cross.

**Benediction:** — Rev. John Oda

Please leave in silence when you are ready to depart.

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