

GOOD FRIDAY
First United Methodist Church
April 19, 2019
Noon-3:30pm

Welcome (Noon, 1pm, 2pm, 3pm)

Opening Litany (responsively): (Noon, 1pm, 2pm, 3pm)

L: Were you there when they crucified our Lord?

P: Yes, we were there.

L: Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?

P: Yes, we were there.

L: Were you there when the sky turned black and the ground began to shake?

P: Yes, we were there.

L: Were you there when He said..."It is finished."

P: Yes, we were there.

Community Prayer (in unison) (Noon, 1pm, 2pm, 3pm)

Lord, at times it causes us to tremble, when we consider the sorrow, the pain, and the suffering You so freely took upon Yourself, for us. As we stand here at the cross, we can't help but ask why this horrible thing must happen. How is it that the shouts of "hosanna" have so quickly turned to shouts of "crucify Him"? But deep down we know. Deep down we know whose sin causes Your death. It is our sin, our rejection, our treason that brought You to Calvary. Yes, we were truly there...

Noon: Scripture and Message: Matthew 26: 6-56
Matthew 27: 3-5
"Judas Iscariot"

1pm: Scripture and Message: John 18: 1-27
"Peter the Denier"

2pm: Scripture and Message: Luke 23: 1-25
"Pilate"

3pm: Scripture and Message: Mark 15: 16-39
"The Centurion"

Closing Prayer and the Lord's Prayer (in unison) (Noon, 1pm, 2pm, 3pm)

Lord, we humbly pray that Your love, forgiveness and mercy, which so greatly offended us in the past, may now be extended to us. Grant that we may die to our sin, only to be raised to new life with You. We ask all of this, and everything else, in the words you taught us to pray...

Our Father...

(Please use the remainder of the hour to pray, or to exit, quietly. We will resume our scripture lessons and narratives at the top of each hour...1pm, 2pm, and 3pm.)