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GOOD FRIDAY COMMUNITY SERVICE



Good Friday Community Service

Prelude

Greeting

Pastor Monica

Call To Worship

Pastor Monica

One: The God, who was and is and will be, walks with us.

Many: Jesus walked the way to cross.

One: For us and for the salvation of all, Christ was crucified, died, and buried.

Many: Blessed be the name of the Lord.

Unison Prayer

Pastor Monica

Holy and ever-living God, even on this day, we come to walk in your love and presence. Deliver us from evil. Lead us to your ways of righteousness.

Let us glimpse your experience in life, suffering, death, and anticipate the remainder of this holy. As you give yourself, we read scriptures, sing songs, and encounter the feelings of the day when you died. Even as we take on love today, we know suffering has no ration or answer. However, in the cross, you, O Lord, meet us in our suffering and our pain. May we also be with others as they suffer. In the cross, we know there is no where we can go apart from you, O God. In your name, we pray, Amen.

Gospel Lesson

John 18:1-12

Rev. Michael Callahan

Song

“Jesus Messiah”

PraiseWorks Mini

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 6:13

Rev. Susan Worrell

Meditation

“*Deliver Who? Escape Clause*”

Pastor Monica

Song

“Were You There”

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Gospel Lesson

John 19:25-27

Rev. Mike Schutz

Meditation

“*Deliver Them*”

Rev. Mike Schutz

Gospel Lesson

John 19: 28-30

Susan Paisley

Bidding Prayer

Pastor Monica

Redeeming God, we pause to cry out to you for the pain and suffering of the world.

We pray for the church, near and far, may we always be on the side of justice and the oppressed, not on the side of judgement and the oppressor...

We pray for the gift of faith, that in times of suffering, may we place our prayers and trust in “Thy Will be Done.” ...

We pray for those who wrestle with their faith, struggling to know if and how you are with us, may we see your face among us. ...

We pray for those who suffer and are in trouble, may we know your presence and comfort with us always. ...

We pray for those who mourn and remember those we love; may we find peace in the midst of sorrow and resurrection in the midst of death. ...

We pray in the name of the Great High Priest, Jesus the Christ, your son, and our Lord, Amen.

Song "When I Remember" PraiseWorks Mini

Old Testament Lesson *Hebrews 4:14-16, 5:7-9* Pastor Jim

SILENCE

Old Testament Lesson *Isaiah 53:1-3, 11-12* Pastor Monica

Who has believed what we have heard? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed? For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him.

He was despised and rejected by others; a man of suffering and acquainted with infirmity; and as one from whom others hide their faces he was despised, and we held him of no account.

Out of his anguish he shall see light; he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge. The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he poured out himself to death, and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

DEPARTURE in Silence

Gospel Lesson: John 18:1-12

After Jesus had spoken these words, he went out with his disciples across the Kidron valley to a place where there was a garden, which he and his disciples entered. Now Judas, who betrayed him, also knew the place, because Jesus often met there with his disciples. So Judas brought a detachment of soldiers together with police from the chief priests and the Pharisees, and they came there with lanterns and torches and weapons. Then Jesus, knowing all that was to happen to him, came forward and asked them, "Whom are you looking for?" They answered, "Jesus of Nazareth." Jesus replied, "I am he." Judas, who betrayed him, was standing with them. When Jesus said to them, "I am he," they stepped back and fell to the ground. Again he asked them, "Whom are you looking for?" And they said, "Jesus of Nazareth." Jesus answered, "I told you that I am he. So if you are looking for me, let these men go." This was to fulfill the word that he had spoken, "I did not lose a single one of those whom you gave me." Then Simon Peter, who had a sword, drew it, struck the high priest's slave, and cut off his right ear. The slave's name was Malchus. Jesus said to Peter, "Put your sword back into its sheath. Am I not to drink the cup that the Father has given me?"

So the soldiers, their officer, and the Jewish police arrested Jesus and bound him.

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 6:13

And do not bring us to the time of trial, but rescue us from the evil one.

Gospel Lesson: John 19:25-27

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. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, "Woman, here is your son." Then he said to the disciple, "Here is your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

Gospel Lesson: John 19:28-30

After this, when Jesus knew that all was now finished, he said (in order to fulfill the scripture), "I am thirsty." 29 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. 30 When Jesus had received the wine, he said, "It is finished." Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

Old Testament Lesson: Hebrews 4:14-16, 5:7-9

Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him,

Servants in Ministry

Giving thanks to God for those who are serving you in worship this Good Friday:

A/V Production Team:

Sound and Video Production:	Keith Schneider
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Lay Reader:	Susan Paisley (virtual)
Music Director:	Betsy Smith (virtual)
Soloist:	Mel Leaman (virtual)
Online Engagement Host:	Melanie Hartley (virtual)

Rev. Michael Callahan, pastor of Chatham UMC and Landenberg UMC (virtual)

Rev. Susan Worrell, deacon at United Methodist Church of the Open Door in Kennett Square (virtual)

Rev. Mike Schutz, pastor of Avon Grove Church of the Nazarene (virtual)

If you are interested in serving as a lay reader, liturgist, or other part of worship in a virtual way, please contact Pastor Monica (pastor@westgroveumc.org).