

*Hope United
Methodist Church*



March 29, 2024
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Prone to Wander



FRIDAY, MARCH 29, 2024
7:00 P.M. WORSHIP

GOOD FRIDAY
THE STATIONS OF PETER

PRELUDE

It Happened on That Fateful Night
In Death's Strong Grasp the Savior Lay

Wilbur Held
J.S. Bach
Cheryl Saborsky, CAGO, organist

GATHERING

INVOCATION

Neill Kipp

P: Holy God, as we journey through this familiar story, help us to understand it anew. Show us, O God, where we find ourselves in the narrative, and move us toward a more just and compassionate future. Amen.

OPENING HYMN

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

UMH 400, v. 1

PSALTER READING

Psalm 22:1-8, 19-22

Neill Kipp

REFLECTION

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STATION ONE

Peter resists then receives the foot washing | John 13:1-20

Congregational Response: Consider Jesus' commandment to us to "wash one another's feet." On the first slip, write the names of people and/or communities you feel God is calling you to serve.

STATION TWO

Jesus foretells Peter's denials | John 13:31-38

Congregational Response Consider Jesus' charge: "Just as I have loved you, you should also love one another." On the second slip, write the names of People you profoundly love.

STATION THREE

Peter draws his sword | John 18:1-11

Prayer of Confession

P: Holy One, we are convicted of our society's addiction to violence. We lament the loss of life to violence. We bemoan the staggering statistics of intimate partner violence. Yet, we confess our own complicity in the pain of our neighbors. Whether we have picked up a gun, uttered harmful words about each other, or simply refused to acknowledge another's pain, we have betrayed the peace you left with us. We have built war economies that make conflict profitable. We have created societies that justify the violence of food and housing insecurity, racism, discrimination, and marginalization. God of grace, have mercy upon us and save us from weak resignation to these evils. Amen.

STATION FOUR

Jesus is arrested and Peter denies Christ | John 18:12-18

Prayer of Confession

P: Merciful God, we confess that, too often, we've been inactive bystanders in the face of someone else's victimization. Forgive us for choosing self-preservation over justice. Amen.

HYMN

What Wondrous Love Is This

UMH 292

STATION FIVE

Peter denies Christ again and again | John 18:19-27

OFFERTORY

Were You There?

arr. by Shawn Williams & Kevin Terry
Debbie Bassett, soloist

STATION SIX

Jesus is Crucified | John 19:1-30

SPECIAL MUSIC

Via Dolorosa

Billy Sprague & Niles Borop
Laurel Laumann, soloist

STATION SIX reading continues

THE LIGHT OF CHRIST IS EXTINGUISHED

HYMN

O Love Divine, What Hast Thou Done

UMH 287

MOMENT OF SILENCE

DISMISSAL

All worshipers depart in silence

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**Many thanks to those who
volunteer this evening!**