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Church

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GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 29, 2024

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Come worship, grow & serve with us to see transformed lives reflecting the love of Christ!

Heritage United Methodist Church

Senior Pastor, Rev. Maria Campbell

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PRELUDE

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist: We gather here to worship God.

People: We gather to remember how Jesus suffered and died for us and to thank God for his love and his mercy.

Liturgist: Who has believed our message and to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?

People: He grew up before God like a tender shoot, and like a root out of dry ground.

Liturgist: He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him. He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows, and familiar with suffering.

People: Like one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

HYMN

O Sacred Head Now Wounded vs 1,2

#286 UMH

O sacred Head, now wounded, with grief and shame weighed down,
now scornfully surrounded with thorns, thine only crown:
how pale thou art with anguish, with sore abuse and scorn!
How does that visage languish which once was bright as morn!
What thou, my Lord, hast suffered was all for sinners' gain;
mine, mine was the transgression, but thine the deadly pain.
Lo, here I fall, my Savior! 'Tis I deserve thy place;
look on me with thy favor, vouchsafe to me thy grace.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Merciful God, as we remember how your son Jesus bore our sins in his body on the cross, how seven times he spoke, seven words of love, we ask you to bless our hearing. As we recall how for three hours he cried for mercy on the souls of all, we ask you to help us to understand the mystery of your love, and make us into a people who are ever more worthy of it. Amen.

THE SEVEN LAST WORDS OF JESUS

Each scripture reading will be followed by a time of meditation. At the end of each meditation please join together with unison response:

Pastor: Lord Jesus, you gave your life for us.

People: You suffered and died that we might be made whole.

FIRST WORD

Luke 23:33-34

Diana Dalen

When they came to the place called "The Skull", they nailed Jesus to the cross there, and the two criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Jesus said "Forgive them, Father! They do not know what they are doing."

HYMN

O Sacred Head Now Wounded vs 3

#286 UMH

What language shall I borrow to thank thee, dearest friend,
for this thy dying sorrow, thy pity without end?
O make me thine forever; and should I fainting be,
Lord, let me never, never outlive my love for thee.

SECOND WORD

Luke 23:39-43

Rod Gerdes

One of the criminals hanging there threw insults at him: "Aren't you the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" The other one, however, rebuked him, saying: "Don't you fear God? Here we are all under the same sentence. Ours, however, is only right, for we are getting what we deserve for what we did; but he has done no wrong." And he said to Jesus, "Remember me, Jesus, when you come as King!" Jesus said to him, "I tell you this: Today you will be in Paradise with me."

ANTHEM

How Beautiful (arr. Harlan)

HUMC Choir

THIRD WORD

John 19:25-27

Jeff Hallam

Standing close to Jesus' cross were his mother, his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. Jesus saw his mother and the disciple he loved standing there; so he said to his mother, "Woman, here is your son." Then he said to the disciple, "Here is your mother." And from that time, the disciple took her to live in his home.

HYMN

Were You There? vs 1

#288 UMH

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?

FOURTH WORD*Mark 15:33-34*

Sonia Fulton

And when the sixth hour had come, there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour. And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, "Elo-i, elo-i, lama sabach-thani?" which means, "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?"

HYMN

Were You There? vs 2

#288 UMH

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 crucified my Lord?

FIFTH WORD*John 19:28*

Jenny Hallam

After this Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the scripture), "I thirst."

HYMN

Were You There? vs 3

#288 UMH

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 crucified my Lord?

SIXTH WORD*John 19:29-30*

Ava Cook

A bowl was there, full of cheap wine mixed with vinegar, so a sponge was soaked in it, put on a stalk of hyssop and lifted up to his lips. When Jesus had received the wine, he said, "It is finished."

HYMN

Were You There? vs 4

#288 UMH

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 they crucified my Lord?

SEVENTH WORD*Luke 23:46*

Doug Grossenbacher

Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, "Father, into thy hands I commit my spirit!" And having said this he breathed his last.

SILENT MEDITATION**HYMN**

Were You There? vs 5

#288 UMH

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 crucified my Lord?

RESPONSIVE READING

Isaiah 53:4-6,9

Pastor: Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases, yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God and afflicted.

People: But he was wounded for our transgressions and he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole.

Pastor: All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the Lord has laid upon him the iniquity of us all.

People: They made his grave with the wicked and his tomb with the rich, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth.

HYMN

When I Survey The Wondrous Cross vs 1,2

#298 UMH

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.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION & LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: Lord God, you have given us everything.

People: You have not held anything back.

Pastor: Help us in like manner to give of ourselves

People: Sanctify us in Christ's name.

Pastor: Bless us and all that we think, feel, say, and do that we, like Jesus, may be a blessing unto others,

**People: We ask this and all things that we ask of you through him, saying the prayer that he taught us...
Our Father, 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.**

HYMN

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross vs 3,4

#298 UMH

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.

BENEDICTION

Please depart in silence

EASTER SERVICES:



Sunday, March 31—Easter Worship 8am & *10am

Childcare is available at the 10am Easter service.

Communion will be served at both Easter services.

****Join us online!***

The 10am Easter service will be livestreamed on our YouTube Channel.

SAVE THESE DATES:

Sunday, June 2—Pastor Maria's last day, Worship & Celebration

June 24-28—Rocky Railroad VBS week, 6-8pm M-F, meal at 5:30pm

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