



*106th Good Friday  
Community Service  
April 14, 2017*

# Ecumenical Observance of Good Friday

## St. Luke's United Methodist Church

April 14, 2017 — 12:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

# *Welcome*

We at St. Luke's United Methodist Church welcome you to this Good Friday service. May this service be a blessing to you in your Lenten journey, and may this time of worshipping together strengthen the spirit of ecumenism in our community.

During the organ interludes people are asked to move forward, so there is room for those who will arrive later. These interludes also provide an opportunity for people to leave if they are unable to stay for the entire service. **Please be sure that all cell phones and pagers are turned off during your stay.**

Even as we remember today the supreme sacrifice of love that Christ made, so we give gifts to continue the spirit of compassion. Your offering will be given to PIN (People in Need), a ministry of caring and compassion here in Dubuque. Offering plates are found at the exit.

We wish to thank all the preachers, liturgists, and musicians for the gracious spirit with which they share their God-given abilities. These people represent a variety of churches and denominations, and their participation fosters our understanding of Christian unity. Thank you!

### St. Luke's United Methodist Church Staff and Volunteers

Pastor .....	Rev. Chuck Layton
Reader .....	Sue Hattel
Altar Stewards .....	Margie Breese, Morgan Frazer
Organist .....	Dr. Charles Barland
Chimer .....	Larry Loeppke
Hosts .....	Invitation & Welcome Team
Ushers/Greeters .....	Marilyn Conklin, Lynn Kerker, Gary Reid
Audio/Visual Technicians .....	Paul Clark, Chris Kohlmann



# THE FIRST WORD

(12:15 p.m.)

“Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.” — Luke 23: 34

Lesson                      Luke 23: 26, 32-38                      Henry Goldstein  
First Baptist Church of Dubuque

Solo                      “The Crucifixion”                      Samuel Barber  
Jill Heitzman, vocal; Dr. Chuck Barland, piano

Prayer (in unison)                      JGK

**God of compassion and mercy, look with favor upon us as we confess our sins. Our faith is weak in the face of crisis. Our hope collapses when we are threatened or maligned. We seek our own safety and abandon those you love. We trust in objects we can create and control. We speak much and risk little. But you, O God, have given your promise that you will never forsake us. Forgive our failure to take you at your word. Amen.**

Reflection                      Rev. Timothy Bees  
First Baptist Church of Dubuque

\* Hymn                      “To Make Your Reign, O Dearest Lord”                      UMH 285

Music Interlude

Please sit toward the front to allow room in the back for others arriving later.

Stripping of the Sanctuary                      The Bible and Stand









# THE SIXTH WORD

(2:10 p.m.)

“It is finished.” — John 19: 30

Lesson

John 19: 30

Morgan Frazer  
First Congregational UCC

Solo

“*Andante*” from “Sonata in A minor”  
DeLano Cain, oboe; Dr. Chuck Barland, piano

Georg Phillip Telemann

Prayer (in unison)

JGK

**O Christ, our Christ, why have we forsaken you? Why are we so far from you, so deaf to the sounds of your groaning? You appeal to us, but are not saved; you trust us, but are not requited. We despise and reject you; we hide our eyes from the sight of you. We mock and scoff at you; we wag our heads, taunting, “You trust the Lord; let the Lord deliver you!” We pronounce sentence upon you, yet you remain silent. We tempt you to save yourself, but you resist temptation. We shout that we desire no ruler but Caesar, and you are nailed to a cross that proclaims you king. O Lord, our Lord, do not forsake us, even though we have forsaken you and gone astray! Amen.**

Reflection

Rev. Dr. Lillian Daniel  
First Congregational UCC

\* Hymn

“’Tis Finished! The Messiah Dies”

UMH 282

Music Interlude

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Stripping of the Sanctuary

Covering the Altar



# A TIME OF MEDITATION

Silence

Prayer (in unison)

RD

**Jesus, crucified and living Savior, we are huddled together in doubt and fear like the disciples of long ago. We do not want to be separated; we do not want to be forsaken; we do not want to say “good-byes”; we do not want to follow you with a cross.**

**But even as we know you bid us follow you into brokenness and death, we also know that you have gone before – you have faced danger and conquered doubt.**

**As we remember the Good Friday events of long ago, we are brought closer to each other and feel your presence with us. We know that we can go with you, because your promise abides with us. Amen.**

Meditation

“Were You There”  
Rev. Chuck Layton, vocal

William Farley Smith

The Lord’s Prayer (in unison)

The Ecumenical Text

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.**

Solo

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”  
Otto Krueger, trumpet

Rankins & Toner  
arr. Tony Santorella

\* Tolling of the Tower Chime      33 times, for the 33 years of Jesus’ earthly life

Departure, in reverence



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