FRIDAY APRIL 19TH, 2019
108TH GOOD FRIDAY COMMUNITY SERVICE

DID E'ER SUCH LOVE
AND SORROW MEET
OR THORNS COMPOSE
SO RICH A CROWN?
Ecumenical Observance of Good Friday  
St. Luke’s United Methodist Church  
April 19th, 2019 — 12:00 p.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 worshiping 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. Charles Layton
Reader .............................................................. Sue Hattel
Altar Stewards ............................................. Margie Breese, Morgan Frazer
Organist .......................................................... Dr. Charles Barland
Chimer .......................................................... R.R.S. Stewart
Hosts ............................................................ Invitation & Welcome Team
Greeters ....................................................... Margie Breese, Morgan Frazer, Char Schmitt, Sue Lane, Kathy Grimme, Keith & Peg Unangst, Dan Jacobsen
Audio/Visual Technicians ............................... Paul Clark & Chris Kohlmann
“The Seven Last Words of Christ”

A TIME OF GATHERING (11:45 a.m.)

Please sit toward the front to allow room in the back for others arriving later. An asterisk (*) in the bulletin denotes the invitation to stand, if you are able. Bold text denotes text to be read by the people in unison. UMH denotes the red hymnal. TFWS denotes the black songbook.

Prelude
Lenten Meditation
Dr. Charles Barland, organ

THE PROCESSION OF THE CROSS
(12:00 p.m.)
Sue Hattel, Reader; Rev. Charles Layton, Cross Bearer;
Margie Breese, Morgan Frazer, Altar Stewards

The Reproaches, with Silence and Response

Following the reading of each “reproach” there will be a moment for silent reflection. Then, when the organ sounds the tone, the following hymn will be played one time through. Then we will sing the hymn:

Hymn
“Jesus Remember Me”
UMH 488

Response:
from UMB

Leader: Christ himself bore our sins in his body on the tree.
People: That we might die to sin and live to righteousness.
Leader: Let us pray:
All: Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ was lifted high upon the cross so that he might draw the whole world to himself. Grant that we, who glory in his death for our salvation, may also glory in his call to take up our cross and follow him; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Duet
Sonata VII, Op. 3, No. 7 for two violins by A. Corelli
Ann Duchow and Amanda Eby, violins; Dr. Charles Barland, piano
“Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.” — Luke 23: 34

Lesson
Luke 23: 26, 32-38
Morgan Frazer
First Congregational
United Church of Christ

Quartet
“Written in Red” by Gordon Jensen
Ruth Lyon, Jacqueline Burnett, arr. Camp Kirkland
Jon Aguilar, Ken Halstead, vocalists
Dr. Charles Barland, piano

Prayer (in unison): from 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. Dr. Lillian Daniel
First Congregational
United Church of Christ

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

Music Interlude

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Stripping of the Sanctuary The Bible and Stand
THE SECOND WORD
(12:35 p.m.)

“Today you will be with me in Paradise.” — Luke 23: 43

Lesson 
Char Eversoll
Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

Solo
“Jesus, Remember Me” by Jacques Berthier
Kimberly Becker-Yoko, voice & piano
Connor Feyen, oboe

Prayer (in unison): from LBG

God of peace and glory, who sent Jesus to teach and inspire the multitudes and call us all to discipleship, help us to celebrate the triumph of humility and the satisfaction of servanthood. We rejoice that Christ shared our humanity and lifted the self-esteem of the lowly. May all the world receive Christ’s spirit and give thanks for your steadfast love. Amen.

Reflection Rev. Dr. Paul Attah-Nsiah
St. Joseph the Worker Church & St. Columbkille Church

* Hymn “Are Ye Able” UMH 530

Music Interlude

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Stripping of the Sanctuary Peace Candle
“Here is your son; here is your mother.” — John 19: 26-27

Lesson

John 19: 25a – 27
Rev. Paul Uzel
Stanwood Union Church
& Westminster Presbyterian

Trio

Three Lenten Hymns for Low Brass
Cindy Dye, horn; David Overby, tuba
Ron Schardt, trombone
arr. Ron Schardt

Prayer:

Leader: We confess that the circle of love is repeatedly broken…
(leader pauses, then continues) … Lord, we confess to you.

All: Forgive us our sins, as we forgive all who have sinned against us.

Reflection

Rev. Linda Von Fumetti
Rockdale United Methodist Church

* Hymn

“Help Us Accept Each Other”
UMH 560

Music Interlude

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Stripping of the Sanctuary

Parameters
THE FOURTH WORD
(1:25 p.m.)

“My God, why have you forsaken me?” — Mark 15: 34

Lesson
Mark 15: 33-34
Neal Patten
Shalom Spirituality Center

Solo
“Psalm 142” from Cycle of Holy Songs by Ned Rorem
Roxanne Rollefson, soprano
Dr. Charles Barland, piano

Prayer (in unison) from LBR
Meet us, loving God, at the place of the skull,
when we had hoped for a peaceful garden.
Meet us in our defeats,
when we had hoped for victory.
Meet us in our temptation,
when we had hoped for clear and easy decisions.
Meet us here, O God, in this healing moment,
for we need you now.
Amen.

Reflection
Dr. Kent Anderson
Clarke University

* Hymn
“Lamb of God” TFWS 2113

Music Interlude

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Stripping of the Sanctuary Candlesticks
THE FIFTH WORD
(1:45 p.m.)

“I am thirsty.” — John 19: 28

Lesson
John 19: 28-29
Captain Emily Phelps
Salvation Army

Solo
“Be Still My Soul”
Chris Kohlmann, flute
Dr. Charles Barland, piano
by Jean Sibelius
arr. Rebecca Bonam

Prayer (in unison) from LBG
Suffering God, whose compassion is with all your children in their times of grievous need and whose purposes will prevail in spite of opposition, injustice, and death, take us once more to Gethsemane and to Calvary to face the cross. Let us share the experience of loneliness, rejection, and pain in such a way that we are strengthened to live as people of the covenant who provoke one another to love and give encouragement to those facing bitter trials. Forsake not your children, we pray, for we trust you and want to respond to your leading. Amen.

Reflection
Captain Matt Phelps
Salvation Army

* Hymn “O Love Divine, What Hast Thou Done” UMH 287

Music Interlude
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Stripping of the Sanctuary
Covering the Baptismal Font
THE SIXTH WORD
(2:10 p.m.)

“It is finished.” — John 19: 30

Lesson  John 19: 30  Janell Cannavo
          Grand View
          United Methodist Church

Solo  “How Deep the Father’s Love for Us” by Stuart Townend
      Alec Amosson, voice
      Dr. Charles Barland, piano

Prayer (in unison)  from 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. Tom Shinkle
            Grand View
            United Methodist Church

* Hymn  “‘Tis Finished! The Messiah Dies”  UMH 282

Music Interlude

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Stripping of the Sanctuary  Covering the Altar
THE SEVENTH WORD
(2:30 p.m.)

“Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.” — Luke 23: 46

Lesson
Luke 23: 44-49
Mary Armstrong
St. Luke’s
United Methodist Church

Solo
“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” arr. David Maddux
Ann Lorenz, vocal; Dr. Charles Barland, piano

Prayer (in unison) from LBG

In the loneliness of Good Friday, we come to you, God, wondering how
to find your will in the midst of tragedy. All the grief and sorrow we
have known is rekindled at the cross. The pain is more than we can
bear. Where can we find any meaning in all of this? Thorns and nails
and bitter tears cannot be your intent for your children. What ever
happened to love? Where is truth to be found in all of this? Silent
God, answer our cries. Amen.

Reflection Rev. Charles Layton
St. Luke’s
United Methodist Church

* Hymn “Sing, My Tongue, the Glorious Battle” UMH 296

Music Interlude

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Stripping of the Sanctuary Covering the Pulpit and Lectern
A TIME OF MEDITATION

Silence

Prayer (in unison) from 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” by William Smith
Rev. Robert Armstrong, voice

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” arr. David Maddux
Otto Krueger, trumpet

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

Departure, in reverence
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