

St. Luke's United Methodist Church

109th Good Friday Community Service

April 10, 2020

Virtual Worship at stlukesumcdbq.org
Ecumenical Observance of Good Friday

Welcome

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

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, and the restrictions we respect around social distancing, this service is available online-only beginning at 12:00pm on Good Friday, April 10, 2020. The Tower Chime will ring live at St. Luke's UMC at 3:00 p.m. to honor the moment of Jesus' death on the cross.

We remember today the supreme sacrifice of love that Christ made, so share our gifts in the same spirit of compassion. Your offering will be given to PIN (People in Need), a ministry of caring and compassion here in Dubuque. If you feel moved to donate, you may send your gift by mail to St. Luke's UMC at 1199 Main St. Dubuque, IA 52001.

We wish to thank all the preachers, liturgists, and musicians for the gracious spirit with which they share their gifts and their time during this season. 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. Stephanie Schlimm
Reader.....Sue Hattel
Altar Stewards.....Margie Breese, Morgan Frazer
Organist.....Dr. Charles Barland
Pianist.....Amy Streck
Chimer.....Ann Duchow
Cantor.....Morgan Frazer
Audio/Visual Technicians.....Paul Clark, Chris Kohlmann, Ann Duchow

The Seven Last Words of Christ

A TIME OF GATHERING

UMH denotes the United Methodist Hymnal.
TFWS denotes "The Faith We Sing" songbook.

THE PROCESSION OF THE CROSS

Sue Hattel, Reader; Rev. Stephanie Schlimm, Cross Bearer;
Margie Breese, Morgan Frazer, Altar Stewards

Prelude

Lenten Meditation

Dr. Charles Barland, organ

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

*Jesus, remember me
when you come into your kingdom.
Jesus, remember me
when you come into your kingdom.*

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.

THE FIRST WORD

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

Lesson Luke 23: 26, 32-38 Janell Cannavo
Grand View
United Methodist Church

Solo “Jesus Paid It All” by Alex Nifong, Elvina Hall, John Grape
Alec Amosson (Grand View UMC)
Staci Speer, 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. Tom Shinkle
Grand View
United Methodist Church

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

*1. To mock your reign, O dearest Lord, they made a crown of thorns;
set you with taunts along that road from which no one returns.
They could not know, as we do now, how glorious is that crown;
that thorns would flower upon your brow, your sorrows heal our own.*

Music Interlude

Stripping of the Sanctuary The Bible and Stand

THE SECOND WORD

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

Lesson Luke 23: 39-43 Morgan Frazer
First Congregational
United Church of Christ

Solo "Soon God's Love Will Surround You" by John Ylvisaker
Jacqueline Burnett (1st Congregational UCC)
Dr. Charles Barland, piano

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. Katrina Richardson
First Congregational
United Church of Christ

* Hymn "Are Ye Able" UMH 530

1. "Are ye able," said the Master, "to be crucified with me?"
"Yea," the sturdy dreamers answered, "to the death we follow thee." Refrain

Refrain: *Lord, we are able. Our spirits are thine. Remold them, make us, like thee, divine.
Thy guiding radiance above us shall be a beacon to God, to love, and loyalty.*

2. *Are ye able to remember, when a thief lifts up his eyes,
that his pardoned soul is worthy of a place in paradise?* Refrain

Music Interlude

Stripping of the Sanctuary Peace Candle

THE THIRD WORD

“Here is your son; here is your mother.” — John 19: 26-27

Lesson John 19: 25a – 27 Morgan Frazer

Solo “Lamb of God”
Sue Hattel (St. Luke’s UMC), clarinet
Dr. Charles Barland, piano
by Twila Paris
arr. Lloyd Larson

Prayer: from MTW

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 Dr. Jake Kohlhaas
Assistant Professor of Moral Theology
Loras College

* Hymn “Help Us Accept Each Other” UMH 560

*1. Help us accept each other as Christ accepted us;
teach us as sister, brother, each person to embrace.
Be present, Lord, among us, and bring us to believe
we are ourselves accepted and meant to love and live.*

Music Interlude

Stripping of the Sanctuary Paraments

THE FOURTH WORD

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

Lesson Mark 15: 33-34 Morgan Frazer

Solo “This I Pray” by Heather Sorenson
Dayna Weltzin (Holy Trinity Lutheran)
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 Rev. Derek Rosentiel
Holy Trinity
Lutheran ELCA

* Hymn “Lamb of God” TFWS 2113

*1. Your only Son, no sin to hide, but you have sent him from your side,
to walk upon this guilty sod, and to become the Lamb of God. [No refrain]*

*2. Your gift of love, they crucified, they laughed and scorned him as he died,
the humble king they named a fraud and sacrificed the Lamb of God. Refrain*

Refrain:

*O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the holy Lamb of God!
O wash me in his precious blood my Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.*

*3. I was so lost, I should have died, but you have brought me to your side,
to be led by your staff and rod, and to be called a lamb of God. Refrain*

Music Interlude

Stripping of the Sanctuary Candlesticks

THE FIFTH WORD

"I am thirsty." — John 19: 28

Lesson John 19: 28-29 Morgan Frazer

Solo "I Thirst" by Michael John Trotta
Kim Becker-Yoko (area Catholic churches) arr. Kim Becker-Yoko

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 Fr. Paul Attah-Nsiah
St. Joseph the Worker & St. Columbkille
Catholic Churches

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

*1. O Love divine, what hast thou done! The immortal God hath died for me!
The Father's coeternal Son bore all my sins upon the tree.
Th'immortal God for me hath died: My Lord, my Love, is crucified!*

Music Interlude

Stripping of the Sanctuary Covering the Baptismal Font

THE SIXTH WORD

"It is finished." — John 19: 30

Lesson John 19: 30 Morgan Frazer

Solo "Andante in e minor" by G. P. Telemann
Ann Duchow (St. Luke's UMC), viola
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 Fr. Kevin Goodrich
St. John's
Episcopal Church

* Hymn "'Tis Finished! The Messiah Dies" UMH 282

*1. 'Tis finished! the Messiah dies, cut off for sins, but not his own.
Accomplished is the sacrifice, the great redeeming work is done.*

*2. The veil is rent; in Christ alone the living way to heaven is seen;
the middle wall is broken down, and all the world may enter in.*

*3. 'Tis finished! All my guilt and pain, I want no sacrifice beside;
for me, for me the Lamb is slain; 'tis finished! I am justified.*

*4. The reign of sin and death is o'er, and all may live from sin set free;
Satan hath lost his mortal power; 'tis swallowed up in victory.*

Music Interlude

Stripping of the Sanctuary Covering the Altar

THE SEVENTH WORD

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

Lesson Luke 23: 44-49 Morgan Frazer

Duet “Wondrous Love” By Emma Booth Tucker & Wes Cameron
Keith Rippe and Chris Kohlmann, vocalists (St. Luke’s UMC)
Amy Streck, pianist (St. Luke’s UMC)

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. Stephanie Schlimm
St. Luke’s United Methodist Church

Hymn “Sing, My Tongue, the Glorious Battle”
Vs. 1, 2, 5 UMH 296

*1. Sing, my tongue, the glorious battle, sing the ending of the fray;
now above the cross, the trophy, sound the loud triumphant lay:
tell how Christ, the world’s Redeemer, as a victim won the day.*

*2. Tell how, when at length the fullness of th’appointed time was come,
Christ, the Word, was born of woman, left for us his heavenly home;
showed us human life made perfect, shone as light amid the gloom.*

*5. Unto God be praise and glory: to the Father and the Son,
to th’eternal Spirit honor now and evermore be done;
praise and glory in the highest, while unending ages run.*

Music Interlude

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.
And so we pray the prayer you taught us, saying...**

The Lord's Prayer (in unison)

UMH 895

**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.**

Meditation

Were You There
Chris Kohlmann, flute (St. Luke's UMC)

arr. by William Farley Smith

* Tolling of the Tower Chime

33 times, for the 33 years of Jesus' earthly life

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