



Good Friday Worship
April 15, 2022 7:00 PM
Clarendon United Methodist Church
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Order of Worship

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Welcome to this time of worship, as we gather in the name of Jesus Christ.

Please fill out the red attendance pad located at the end of each pew.

** At this sign you are invited to rise in body or spirit.*

Prelude

Ständchen

Franz Schubert

Dorotea Racz, cello; Lisa Gibbs-Smith, piano

***Call to Worship**

based on Isaiah 53

Fran Underwood

Leader: He was despised and rejected by others,
a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief.

**People: But it was his punishment that made us whole,
his bruises that healed us. And we give thanks.**

Leader: He was oppressed and he was afflicted.
Yet, he did not open his mouth.

**People: But it was through him that God's will was made to prosper.
It was because of his anguish that we can see light –
and we give thanks.**

Leader: He is our high priest, touched by our infirmities,
suffering as we have suffered.

**People: He is our living example that God's ways are not our ways.
He is the stone that the builders rejected that became the head
cornerstone. He is the last that became first.
Through him we are challenged to live in a new way,
to love in a new way, to lead in a new way –
and for this, we give thanks.**

***Hymn**

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

UMH 626

***Prayer**

Rev. Tracy McNeil Wines

**Almighty God, graciously behold this your family,
for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing
to be betrayed into the hands of sinners,
and to suffer death upon the cross;
who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
One God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Song**Until the Day Breathes and Shadows Flee**

Derek Hakes

Fran Underwood, handbells; Dorotea Racz, cello;
Lisa Gibbs-Smith, piano

**I believe in the sun even when it is not shining;
I believe in love even when feeling it not;
I believe in God even when he is silent.**

You are invited to remain in prayer as the music is played. Contemplate the space and time between - that liminal time between death and resurrection.

Can you imagine the feelings that Jesus' mother and the disciples must have experienced? How would you have felt? What does Jesus' death mean to you? How can your life be changed by his sacrifice? How do you hold onto the hope and promise of salvation in times of shadow?

Prayer

Rev. Nilse Furtado-Gilliam

He is gone! Our Master and Teacher is dead and buried. The sun does not shine on his tomb, and yet we believe. For we know that Easter is coming!

Lord, we give thanks for your gift of love, a love so great that you sacrificed your son for our salvation. Even when we feel separated from you by our own thoughts or sins, even when we don't feel it, we believe in your love.

We are in this liminal time between international strife and peace, between church schism and unity, between health and illness, between death and life. And like the disciples of long ago, we often feel abandoned and alone. God, help us in our unbelief. For we do know that you are steadfast. We do believe, even when we think you are silent. Amen.

There will be no benediction or dismissal this evening because the story isn't over.

Please feel free to remain in prayer and depart in silence.

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