



GOOD FRIDAY COMMUNITY WORSHIP
April 7, 2023

PRELUDE "Adagio for Strings" by Samuel Barber
featuring Tom Bara, organ

CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Linda Stephan, Central UMC
One: If any want to become my followers,
let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.
**ALL: For those who want to save their life will lose it,
and those who lose their life
for my sake and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.**

WELCOME Rev. Linda Stephan
Today's worship offerings will go toward free immigration legal services through JFON-MI.

HYMN "What Wondrous Love Is This" UMH No. 292

UNISON PRAYER** Rev. Linda Stephan
We veil our faces before your glory, O Holy and Immortal one, and bow before the cross of your wounded Christ. With angels and archangels, we praise you, our Mercy, and we bless you, our Compassion, for in our brokenness you have not abandoned us. Hear us as we pray through Jesus, our high priest: heal all division, reconcile the estranged, console the suffering, and raise up to new life all that is bound by death. Amen.

FIRST WORD (12:25 - 12:45 P.M.)

SCRIPTURE *Father, forgive them* Luke 23:26-34a

MEDITATION Rev. Lucy Waechter Webb PC(USA), SALT Coalition

PRAYER

SPECIAL MUSIC "Beneath the Cross of Jesus" arr. Mark Shepherd
Larry Winegar, soloist

- INTERLUDE: You may quietly enter or exit the sanctuary at this time.-

SECOND WORD (12:45 - 1:05 P.M.)

SCRIPTURE *Today you will be with me in paradise* Luke 23:34b-43

MEDITATION Rev. Linda Stephan

PRAYER

HYMN "Ah, Holy Jesus" UMH No. 289 (v 1, 2, 4,5)

- INTERLUDE: You may quietly enter or exit the sanctuary at this time.-

THIRD WORD (1:05 - 1:25 P.M.)

SCRIPTURE *Woman, here is your son* John 19:25-27

MEDITATION Rev. Andrea Johnson, Old Mission UMC

PRAYER

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Cry No More”

by Dan Forrest

Renee Mittelstaedt, soloist

- INTERLUDE: *You may quietly enter or exit the sanctuary at this time.*-

FOURTH WORD (1:25 - 1:45 P.M.)

SCRIPTURE

My God, why have you forsaken me?

Matthew 27:45-46

MEDITATION

Rev. Jared Yapple, Watershed Church

PRAYER

*HYMN

“Go to Dark Gethsemane”

UMH No. 290 (vs. 1-3)

- INTERLUDE: *You may quietly enter or exit the sanctuary at this time.*-

FIFTH WORD (1:45 - 2:05 P.M.)

SCRIPTURE

I am thirsty

John 19:28-29

MEDITATION

Rev. Leslie Mott, The Presbyterian Church

PRAYER

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Arise, My Soul, Arise”

by Dan Forrest

Dave Chrostek, soloist

- INTERLUDE: *You may quietly enter or exit the sanctuary at this time.*-

SIXTH WORD (2:05 - 2:25 P.M.)

SCRIPTURE

It is finished

John 19:30

MEDITATION

Fr. Ciprian Streza, Archangel Gabriel Orthodox Church

PRAYER

*HYMN

“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”

UMH No. 286

- INTERLUDE: *You may quietly enter or exit the sanctuary at this time.*-

SEVENTH WORD (2:25 - 2:50 P.M.)

SCRIPTURE

Into your hands I commend my spirit

Luke 23:44-49

MEDITATION

Fr. Jim Perra, Grace Episcopal Church

PRAYER

*HYMN

“Lift High the Cross “

UMH No. 159 (vs. 1-3)

*PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER

Rev. Chris Lane

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.

BENEDICTION

Rev. Linda Stephan

POSTLUDE

“O Man, Bewail Thy Grievous Fall”

J.S. Bach

featuring Tom Bara, organ

You are invited to remain seated for the postlude as part of your worship experience.

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