

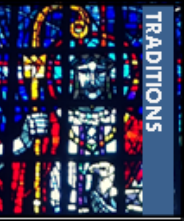
Easter Sunday March 31st
9am Traditions Worship
11am Arise Worship

Caramel Roll Sales and
Egg Hunt through
Easter morning

Happy Easter!



Christ United Methodist Church
 Creating committed Christ followers for the transformation of the world



Good Friday Worship
March 29, 2024



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We welcome you and name the sacred power of the
 Wahpeton people on whose land we stand

Christ United Methodist Church

With open hearts, open minds and open doors, we welcome people of all races, nationalities, theologies and abilities. We welcome people of all sexual orientations and gender identities. We offer a safe and compassionate place to reconcile faith, identity, hope, understanding and mutual respect.

Prelude "Komm, süßer Tod, komm selge Ruh" by Johann Sebastian Bach
John Varona, Organ

+Opening Words Rev. Jenny Cannon

***Hymn** "What Wondrous Love Is This" UMH 292

+Opening Prayer Rev. Kirkland Reynolds

One: We have tasted the goodness of the word of God.

All: And yet, we often fall away from it, crucifying Jesus anew.

One: Again and again, we tell the story.

All: And again and again, we find ourselves here—in the story.

One: For as often as necessary, let us relive it so that, with God's help, we will no longer repeat it.

All: Holy God, as we journey through this familiar story, help us to understand it anew.

Show us, O God, where and why we find ourselves here again and again, and move us toward a more just future. Amen.

First Station: Jesus is betrayed and arrested Mark 14:43-46

*Images: "The Betrayal of Christ" by Fernando Gallego
Poor People's Campaign*

Response

One: Jesus we remember your story, help us to walk in your way.

All: Again and again, we betray one another and God. We confess our part in the fragmentation of the human family, and we lament our brokenness.

Organ Anthem "O Fili, Et Filae" by Clément Loret
John Varona, Organ

Second Station: Jesus is denied by Peter Matthew 26:69-75

*Images: "Lamenting Peter" from La Sagrada Familia
International Justice Mission*

Response

One: Jesus we remember your story, help us to walk in your way.

All: Again and again, people are denied justice, dignity and human rights. May we bear witness to this pain and stand with and for all who are vulnerable and victimized.

Third Station: Jesus is judged by Pontius Pilate Mark 15:1-5,15

*Images: "Christ before Pilate" Unknown creator
Innocence Project*

Response

One: Jesus we remember your story, help us to walk in your way.

All: Again and again, our lips and laws bear false witness against our neighbors. Holy One, save us from this appetite for injustice, and turn our hearts toward truth.

+Prayer of Confession

Prayer of Confession by the Reverend Erica Wimber Avena in Hartford, Connecticut, adapted from Dietrich Bonhoeffer's Letters and Papers from Prison.

Fourth Station: Jesus is crowned with thorns

John 19:1-3

*Images: "Jesus Crown of Thorns" West Brighton Pier by Leonski Oh Leonski on Flickr
Mike Dubose UM News service*

Response

One: Jesus we remember your story, help us to walk in your way.

All: We continue to wound the body of Christ each time we wound one another. Again and again we have justified our hurt and the pain it has caused. Help us to recognize the suffering of Christ in those who have been excluded from the church.

Choral Anthem "O Sacred Head Now Wounded" by Mary McDonald
Chancel Choir

Fifth Station: Jesus is crucified

John 19:16-22

*Images: "Jesus Christ Wooden Sculpture" by Francesco Paggiaro
"Crucifixion It is Finished" by Patricia Brintle*

+Response

Good Friday: Shifting Blame by Nigel Varndell

Hymn "O Love, How Deep" UMH 267

The Sixth Station: Jesus promises his kingdom to a criminal Luke 23:39-43

*Images: Creative commons
From Texas Department of Corrections*

Response

One: Jesus we remember your story, help us to walk in your way.

All: Jesus offers forgiveness, even to those who are convicted and condemned. Again and again Christ gives grace. Help us make space in our hearts to receive and to share forgiveness.

Seventh Station: Jesus speaks to his mother and the beloved disciple John 19:25-27

*Images: "Pietà: A Woman, Behold Your Son; Behold Your Mother" Emmett Till's mother by Rev. T.D. Anderson
"Jesus Meets His Mother" by Daud Akhriev*

Response

One: Jesus we remember your story, help us to walk in your way.

All: To the vulnerable and marginalized; To those who are in the crosshairs of racism, xenophobia, food insecurity, exploitation, and discrimination. To the neighbors we have yet to fully behold. Again and again, Jesus calls us to see one another and be a family.

Eighth Station: Jesus dies on the cross Luke 23:44-46

Image: "Jesus Dies" by Melanie Twelves

Strepitus

Strepitus means "the great noise" and is traditionally used as part of Good Friday worship to represent the moment of Jesus' death

Ninth Station: Jesus is placed in the tomb Matthew 27:57-60

Images: Sculpture from Gross St Martin Cologne, Germany

Removal of Christ Candle

***Hymn** "Were You There?" UMH 288

Sending Please Depart in Silence