

Friday, April 3, 2026
Good Friday

Gathering Music

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Welcome

Pastor Philip

Call To Worship

Jeri Dumholt

Leader: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

People: Why are you so far from helping me?

Leader: Yet you are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel.

People: In you our ancestors trusted.

Leader: Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith.

People: Let us worship God.

Opening Hymn

“Go to Dark Gethsemane” (vs. 1–3) UMH 290

Opening Prayer

Jeri Dumholt

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ suffered and died for us. In this hour, draw us near to the mystery of the cross. Quiet our hearts, open our spirits, and help us to see your love poured out for the world. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Stations of the Cross

After reading each scripture, we invite you to respond:

Reader: Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Station 1: Jesus Prays in Gethsemane

Scripture: Luke 22:39–44

Nancy Tom

Station 2: Jesus Is Betrayed and Arrested

Scripture: Luke 22:47–53

Dave Tom

Station 3: Jesus Before the Council

Scripture: Luke 22:66–71

Bev Svoboda

Station 4: Jesus Before Pilate

Scripture: Luke 23:1–5

Anita Thompson

Station 5: Jesus Is Sentenced

Scripture: Luke 23:13-16, 18-25 NIV

Cliff Heckman

Hymn

“Ah, Holy Jesus” (vs. 1)

UMH 289

Station 6: Jesus Carries the Cross

Scripture: John 19:16-17

Nancy Tom

Station 7: Simon Helps Carry the Cross

Scripture: Mark 15:17-21

Dave Tom

Station 8: Jesus Speaks to the Women

Scripture: Luke 23:27–31

Bev Svoboda

Hymn

“What Wondrous Love Is This” (vs. 1)

UMH 292

Station 9: Jesus Is Crucified

Scripture: Luke 23:32–34

Anita Thompson

Station 10: The Criminals Speak

Scripture: Luke 23:39–43

Cliff Heckman

Station 11: Jesus Speaks to His Mother

Scripture: John 19:25–27

Nancy Tom

Hymn

“Beneath the Cross of Jesus” (vs. 1) UMH 297

Station 12: Jesus Dies on the Cross

Scripture: Luke 23:44–46 Dave Tom

Special Music

Susie McCord & Nancy MacCracken
“Were You There?”

Station 13: Jesus Is Laid in the Tomb

Scripture: Luke 23:50–56 Bev Svoboda

Time of Prayer at the Cross

*You are invited to come forward as you feel led,
to spend a moment in prayer at the cross.*

Closing Prayer (Unison)

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross, that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace. So clothe us in your Spirit, that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your name. Amen.

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