

Grace United Methodist Church



March 29, 2024 – 7:30PM

**Order of Worship
GOOD FRIDAY**

**Grace United Methodist Church is a Family of Faith
striving to share God's love with all.**

*** Please Stand If You Are Able**

Opening Voluntary - The Shadow of the Cross, *M. E. Dexter*

Welcome/Greetings

*** Call to Worship**

L: On this day we gather to remember Jesus our Savior who loved us and gave himself for us. Let us draw near in full assurance of God's endless love and mercy.

P: We give our thanks and praise to Jesus Christ who carries our sorrows, heals our wounds, and redeems us from sin and death. Amen.

*** Opening Hymn #286** – "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" *PASSION CHORALE*

*** Opening Prayer**

God of love and forgiveness, we ask you to be with us as we journey with Jesus during his last hours on earth. We join ourselves with Jesus on the Cross. We listen in our heart to how we can be with Jesus at this time. God, help us now to listen to your word to us. We make our prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Scriptures

Epistle – Hebrews 10:16-25

¹⁶ *This is the covenant that I will make with them. After these days, says the Lord, I will place my laws in their hearts and write them on their minds.* ¹⁷ *And I won't remember their sins and their lawless behavior anymore.* ¹⁸ When there is forgiveness for these things, there is no longer an offering for sin. ¹⁹ Brothers and sisters, we have confidence that we can enter the holy of holies by means of Jesus' blood, ²⁰ through a new and living way that he opened up for us through the curtain, which is his body, ²¹ and we have a great high priest over God's house. ²² Therefore, let's draw near with a genuine heart with the certainty that our faith gives us, since our hearts are sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies are washed with pure water. ²³ Let's hold on to the confession of our hope without wavering, because the one who made the promises is reliable. ²⁴ And let us consider each other carefully for the purpose of sparking love and good deeds. ²⁵ Don't stop meeting together with other believers, which some people have gotten into the habit of doing. Instead, encourage each other, especially as you see the day drawing near.

L: The Word of God, For the People of God. **P: Thanks be to God.**

Proclamation of the Passion Story (John 18:1-19:42)

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Hymn before Message- #2108 – “O How He Loves You and Me” *PATRICIA*
(Faith We Sing Hymnal)

Sermon – “The Truth”

Rev. Dr. Jeffrey L. Hooker

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer and Choral Response

Choral Selection - Were You There / When I Survey the Wondrous Cross,
Arr. M. B. Rhoades

Prayer of Confession

God of love, we remember today all that our blessed Lord endured for us. Let us remember how Jesus was betrayed, and given up into the hands of wicked men ...

Lord Jesus, we remember today that it was one of Your own familiar friends who betrayed You, and we know that there is nothing that so breaks the heart as the disloyalty of one whom we call friend. Grant that we may not betray You.

Save us: From the cowardice that would disown You when it is hard to be true to You; From the disloyalty that betrays You in the hour when You need someone to stand by You; From the fickleness that blows hot and cold in its devotion; From the fair-weather friendship that, when things are difficult or dangerous, makes us ashamed to show whose we are and whom we serve.

Let us remember how Jesus suffered death upon the Cross ... Lord Jesus, help us to remember the lengths to which Your love was ready to go; That having loved Your own, You loved them to the very end; The love than which none can be greater, The love that lays down its life for its friends; That it was while people were yet enemies that You died for them.

Assurance of Pardon

Let us remember how Jesus now lives and reigns ... Help us to remember, That the crucified Lord is the Risen Lord; That the cross has become the Crown. So grant unto us, to trust in His love and to live in His presence; that we may share in His glory. You are forgiven. Amen.

Closing Hymn #294 - Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed

MARTYRDOM

***Dismissal with Blessing**

ALL DEPART IN SILENCE

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Jeffrey L. Hooker	Ushers: Everett Fitch, Carol Provenzano, Michael Provenzano
Liturgist/Reader: Brian Stone and Bob DiSalvo	Audio-Tech: Brandon Gauntlett
Director of Music: Kenneth Richardson	

There is an Offering Basket in the Narthex for any donations....



♥Manny Kurz, ♥†Family of James Keidel, ♥Jasmin Whittaker, ♥Rene Mondol (friend of Rosario Hooker), ♥John Mirra, Jr. (son-in-law of Rosario and Luis Hooker), ♥Emma Donnelly, ♥Veronica Stone (friend of Margo Morrison), ♥Everon Palmer (son of Enid Simpson), ♥Eugene (Gene) O'Brien, ♥Hedy Kling, ♥Gene Marks, ♥Declan Jurgens, ♥Crystal Richardson, ♥Pat Hamilton, ♥Michelle Hooker-Mirra, ♥Karen Kiernan, ♥Carol Whyte, ♥Winston Scarlett (brother-in-law of Maudlyn Scarlett), ♥David Biegler, ♥Vivian (4 months old) Peeples and sister Emilia (4 years old) Peeples, ♥Mary Turbeville (cousin of Lenore Kurz), ♥Jennifer LaRochelle, ♥Michael Ciampi (friend of Kim Neri), ♥Michael Kurz, ♥Walter McKnight, ♥Vin Dowling, ♥Suella Fredrick (friend of Lorna McKenzie), ♥Juliana Bonds (sister of Eleanor Phillip), ♥Garvin Phillip (nephew of Eleanor Phillip), ♥Elaine Treske, ♥Marilyn Eller (sister of Elaine Treske), ♥Irene Misiti (friend of Rosario Hooker), ♥Charles Zipperlen, ♥Jim Poch, ♥All our Military men and women, ♥Ken Richardson, ♥Barbara Siegl, ♥All UMW in Rehabilitation and Nursing Homes, ♥Castells Family (family of Elaine Treske), ♥Iris Molina, ♥Olga Molina (sister of Iris Molina), ♥Milly Molina (sister of Iris Molina), ♥Evelyn Neber (friend of Elaine Treske). **Note:** Prayer List names will continue to be listed for two weeks. After that period of time, the names will be removed unless you call us with current information. † - Death in family, ♦ - New entry

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