



Good Friday
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Wilbraham United Church

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GOOD FRIDAY

12:00 Noon

PRELUDE Organ: *Herzliebster Jesu, was hast du verbrochen*

arr. H. Walcha

OPENING WORDS

Theresa Munn

Liturgist: Behold the cross on which hung the salvation of the world.

People: Blessed be our God, for he has taken away our sins and opened the door to everlasting life.

All: Blessed be our God for ever and ever. Amen

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Eternal One, Come to us we pray, and hear our gratitude for all that you have done. You have given over your only son to be crucified and then to rise again, showing to us that death is not the end of life, but the beginning of life anew. You have not left us in the shadow of our sorrows and fear, but have made us worthy of heaven, all for love's sake. Amen

***HYMN #292 (UMH)**

What Wondrous Love Is This

OLD TESTAMENT

Isaiah 52:13-53:12

NEW TESTAMENT

Hebrews 10: 16-25

MUSICAL SELECTION

Vidit suum dulcem natum

G. B. Pergolesi

From Stabat Mater

Rev. Janet, soloist

Translation: She saw her sweet child dying forsaken, until he sent forth his spirit.

LITANY OF THE PASSION

Leader: Christ Jesus, in agony in the garden of Olives, troubled by sadness and fear, comforted by an angel:

People: O Lord, have mercy on me.

Leader: Christ Jesus, betrayed by Judas' kiss, abandoned by your apostles, delivered into the hands of sinners:

People: O Lord, have mercy on me.

Leader: Christ Jesus, accused by false witnesses, condemned to die on the cross, struck by servants, covered with spittle:

People: O Lord, have mercy on me.

Leader: Christ Jesus, disowned by Peter, your apostle, delivered to Pilate and Herod, counted among the likes of Barabbas:

People: O Lord, have mercy on me.

Leader: Christ Jesus, carrying your cross to Calvary, consoled by the daughters of Jerusalem, helped by Simon of Cyrene:

People: O Lord, have mercy on me.

Leader: Christ Jesus, stripped of your clothes, given vinegar to drink crucified with thieves:

People: O Lord, have mercy on me.

Leader: Christ Jesus, insulted on the cross, praying for your executioners, pardoning the good thief:

People: O Lord, have mercy on me.

Leader: Christ Jesus, entrusting your mother to your beloved disciple, giving up your spirit into the hands of your Father, dying for all of us sinners:

People: O Lord, have mercy on me.

Leader: By your sufferings, Lord, heal the wounds in our hearts. Let your tears be the source of joy for us, and let your death give us life.

People: O Lord, have mercy on me.

GOSPEL

John 18: 1-19:42

SERMON

The Good Friday Meditation

Rev. Janet

***HYMN #289 (UMH) vs 1-3**

Ah, Holy Jesus

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES

Invitation to Give

Offertory

Organ: Go to Dark Gethsemane

arr. W. Held

Prayer of Dedication

***HYMN #291 (UMH) verses 1-3**

He Never Said a Mumbalin' Word

Benediction

A Time of Silent Prayer

** All who are able to stand, may do so.*

Thank you for joining us in worship today. Is this your first visit to United Church? Please sign a Pew Card if you wish to be kept up-to-date regarding activities at the church.

MINISTERING TO YOU TODAY

Pastor: Rev. Janet Sandquist-Skagerlind
Music Director: Roberta Morkin
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HOLY WEEK SERVICES

You are welcome to join us on Sunday morning for our Easter worship service at 10:00 AM. Following the service, our children are invited to an Easter Egg Hunt on the front lawn of the church (weather permitting!)