



Good Friday Service

First United Methodist Church of Riverside

Joint Service with Wesley UMC

April 3, 2026, 7 pm

GATHERING

PRELUDE: "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded (Opus 122, No. 10)" by Johannes Brahms / Robert Phillips, Organist

*TRINITY BELLS

***OPENING HYMN:** #298 "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" by Isaac Watts and Edward Miller / All / Led by Kris Lovekin

Verse 1

**When I survey the wondrous cross
on which the Prince of Glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss,
and pour contempt on all my pride.**

Verse 2

**Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
save in the death of Christ, my God;
all the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to his blood.**

Verse 3

**See, from his head, his hands, his feet,
sorrow and love flow mingled down.
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
or thorns compose so rich a crown?**

Verse 4

**Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were an offering far too small;
love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.**

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (Isaiah 53, Psalm 22, John 18, John 19) / Sarah Overton Fraser, Liturgist
(Liturgist) On this holy day of remembrance, we mourn the death of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

(People) We remember Christ's love.

(L) On this holy day of sorrow, we grieve the ways we cause God pain.

(P) We remember Christ's suffering.

(L) On this holy day of grief, we acknowledge what must die within to follow Christ.

(P) We remember Christ's teachings.

(L) On this holy day of reflection, we listen for God's voice.

(All) We will open our ears to hear, even in the silence of this day. Amen!

***UNISON PRAYER** (Good Friday) / **All** (Led by Liturgist)

**Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ was lifted high upon the cross
so that he might draw the whole world to himself.**

**Grant that we, who glory in this death for our salvation,
may also glory in his call to take up our cross and follow him;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 (NRSVue) / Liturgist

"Remember Me"

**²³For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on
the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, ²⁴and when he had given
thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in
remembrance of me." ²⁵In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying,
"This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in
remembrance of me." ²⁶For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you
proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

(Liturgist) The Word of God for the people of God.

(All) Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC: "O Sacred Head Now Wounded" / Kris Lovekin, soprano

***GOSPEL READINGS: John 13:34-35** (NRSVue) / Liturgist

"Love One Another"

**³⁴I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved
you, you also should love one another. ³⁵By this everyone will know that you are my
disciples, if you have love for one another."**

Luke 22:25-26 (NRSVue) / Liturgist

"Serve One Another"

²⁵ But he said to them, "The kings of the gentiles lord it over them, and those in authority over them are called benefactors. ²⁶ But not so with you; rather, the greatest among you must become like the youngest and the leader like one who serves.

(Liturgist) This is the Gospel of Christ!

(All) Glory to you, O Christ! Amen!

SERMON: "JESUS' FINAL THREE COMMANDMENTS" (Sermon Series, **"The Message of Jesus,"** 8 of 9) / The Rev. J. T. Kim, Pastor

***HYMN: #297** "Beneath the Cross of Jesus" by Elizabeth C. Clephane

Verse 1

**Beneath the cross of Jesus
I fain would take my stand,
the shadow of a mighty rock
within a weary land;
a home within the wilderness,
a rest upon the way,
from the burning of the noontide heat,
and the burden of the day.**

Verse 2

**Upon that cross of Jesus
mine eye at times can see
the very dying form of One
who suffered there for me;
and from my stricken heart with tears
two wonders I confess:
the wonders of redeeming love
and my unworthiness.**

Verse 3

**I take, O cross, thy shadow
for my abiding place;
I ask no other sunshine than
the sunshine of his face;
content to let the world go by,
to know no gain nor loss,
my sinful self my only shame,
my glory all the cross.**

THE REPROACHES: CHRIST'S LAMENT AGAINST HIS FAITHLESS CHURCH

(The following reproaches will be spoken, with the congregation responding by singing after each two stanzas, "Jesus, Remember Me" (UMH 488). A time of brief silence may be kept after each stanza.)

Rev. J. T. Kim

1) O my people, O my Church,
what have I done to you, or in what have I offended you?
I led you forth from the land of Egypt
and delivered you by the waters of baptism,
but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

2) I led you through the desert forty years and fed you with manna;
I brought you through times of persecution and of renewal
and gave you my body, the bread of heaven;
but you have prepared a cross for your Savior. **R**

[Response] #488 / All

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

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Rev. Justin Berkobien (Wesley UMC)

3) I made you branches of my vineyard
and gave you the water of salvation,
but when I was thirsty you gave me vinegar and gall
and pierced with a spear the side of your Savior.

4) I went before you in a pillar of cloud,
but you have led me to the judgment hall of Pilate.
I brought you to a land of freedom and prosperity,
but you have scourged, mocked, and beaten me. **R**

[Response] / All

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5) I gave you a royal scepter, and bestowed the keys to the kingdom,
but you have given me a crown of thorns.

I raised you on high with great power,
but you have hanged me on the cross.

6) My peace I gave, which the world cannot give,
and washed your feet as a servant,
but you draw the sword to strike in my name
and seek high places in my kingdom. **R**

[Response] / All

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Rev. Justin Berkobien

7) I accepted the cup of suffering and death for your sakes,
but you scatter and deny and abandon me.

I sent the Spirit of truth to lead you,
but you close your hearts to guidance.

8) I called you to go and bring forth fruit,
but you cast lots for my clothing.

I prayed that you all may be one,
but you continue to quarrel and divide. **R**

[Response] / All

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Rev. J. T. Kim

9) I grafted you into the tree of my chosen people Israel,
but you turned on them with persecution and mass murder.

I made you joint heirs with them of my covenants,
but you made them scapegoats for your own guilt.

10) I came to you as the least of your brothers and sisters.

I was hungry but you gave me no food,
thirsty but you gave me no drink.

I was a stranger but you did not welcome me,
naked but you did not clothe me,
sick and in prison but you did not visit me. **R**

[Response] / All

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(A brief silence follows.)

***DISMISSAL**

(Rev. Kim) May Jesus Christ, who for our sake became obedient unto death, even death on a cross, keep you and strengthen you, now and forever.

(All) Amen!

***GOING FORTH**

(All depart in silence)

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