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Our Mission...

to be an accepting Christian community dedicated to living, sharing and teaching the Word of God.

We respect all aspects of people including race, ethnicity, gender expression, sexual orientation, socio-economic background, age, religion, mental wellness, and ability.

April 3rd, 2026
Lent 2026 – “Tell Me the Stories of Jesus”
Good Friday

The asterisk invites all to stand, if they are able. **Bold print indicates a congregational response.*

WE GATHER

PRELUDE *(Music played with permission under license #A-620529 One License)*

~Joanne Diplock

WELCOME

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT of the LAND

We acknowledge that we meet on Treaty 1 land, the traditional lands of the Anishinaabe, Cree and Dakota peoples, and the homeland of the Red River Metis. We also acknowledge that the water we use here comes from the Shoal Lake 40 First Nation. We are grateful for these first inhabitants and their stewardship of the land and its resources through the ages, and we commit to working together towards justice, truth and reconciliation.

WORDS of INTRODUCTION

OPENING REFRAIN: #7 MV – **“Gather Us In”** *(sung 2X)*

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(Hann)

~Joanne Diplock

Gather us in, ground us in you.

Gather us in, ground us in you.

Gather us in, gather us in,

Ground us, ground us in you.

LIGHTING of the CHRIST CANDLE *~lit by Gay Todd*

*We light this candle as a reminder
that even on this Good Friday,*

even as the shadows grow and threaten to overwhelm,

God is with us,

and the light of Christ continues to light our way.

LIGHTING of the PEACE CANDLE

...so today, we also light our second candle, and as we do, we pray for peace:

**peace in our hearts,
peace in our homes,
peace in our world.**

*As we journey towards the cross with Jesus, the Prince of Peace,
O God, we pray for peace. Amen.*

CALL to WORSHIP (Written by Robin Wardlaw, from *Gathering Lent/Easter 2019*.)

This is the day of pain and suffering we call Good.

This is the time when brave and gracious Love was lost.

This is the place where we receive again the story of great faith.

**On this day, at this time, in this place,
we remember, and we worship.**

OPENING PRAYER (Adapted from Kate Crawford; from *Gathering Lent/Easter 2014*.)

**God of life and death,
you have called us to this day of crucifixion yet again:
a story we would sooner avoid,
a betrayal we would sooner forget,
a journey we would sooner not take.**

Yet we have come to learn again what love means.

Stay with us as we stay with you by the cross. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN:** *VU #149 – "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"* (Watts)
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- 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.**
- 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.**
- 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?**
- 4 Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were a present far too small:
love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.**

WE LISTEN AND REFLECT

"Stone Stories"

(With reflections written by Dawn Garrett-Larsen; from *Gathering Lent/Easter 2026*.)

INTRODUCTION to the STORIES

THE TRIUMPHAL ENTRY

Marie Leskovjan

SUNG VERSE: VU #357 – "Tell Me the Stories of Jesus"

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(Parker/Challinor)
~Joanne Diplock

- 4 Into the city I'd follow the children's band,
waving a branch of the palm tree high in my hand;
one of his heralds, yes, I would sing
loudest hosannas! Jesus is king!**

JESUS CLEANSSES the TEMPLE

Frank Leskovjan

THE UPPER ROOM

Paula Thomson

SUNG VERSE: VU #133 – "Go to Dark Gethsemane"

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(Montgomery/Redhead)
~Joanne Diplock

- 1 Go to dark Gethsemane,
you that feel the tempter's power;
your Redeemer's conflict see;
watch with him one bitter hour;
turn not from his grief away:
learn from him to watch and pray.**

PRAYING in the GARDEN

Barrie McPherson

JESUS' ARREST

Dawn Ballantine-Dickson

PETER'S DENIAL

Grant McMillan

SUNG VERSE: VU #133 – "Go to Dark Gethsemane"

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- 2 See him at the judgement hall,
beaten, bound, reviled, arraigned;
see him meekly bearing all;
love to all his soul sustained.
Shun not suffering, shame, or loss:
learn from Christ to bear the cross.**

THE TRIAL

Sylvia Banfield

SUNG VERSE: VU #133 – "Go to Dark Gethsemane"

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- 3 Calvary's mournful mountain view;
there the Lord of glory see,
made a sacrifice for you,
dying on the accursed tree.
'It is finished,' hear his cry:
trust in Christ and learn to die.**

THE CRUCIFIXION

Peter Latimer

JESUS' DEATH

Jen Babcock

***HYMN: VU #136 – "O Come and Mourn with Me Awhile"**

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(Faber/Dykes)

~Joanne Diplock

- 1 O come and mourn with me awhile;
O come now to the Saviour's side;
O come, together let us mourn:
Jesus, our Love, is crucified.**
- 2 Have we no tears to shed for him,
while soldiers scoff and foes deride?
Ah! Look how patiently he hangs:
Jesus, our Love, is crucified.**
- 3 Seven times he spake, seven words of love;
and all three hours his silence cried
for mercy on the souls of all:
Jesus, our Love, is crucified.**
- 4 O love of God! O sin-filled world!
In this dread act your strength is tried,
and victory remains with love:
Jesus, our Love, is crucified.**

JESUS' BURIAL

Dennis Deley

PRAYER (Written by William Loader; found online.)

SUNG VERSE: VU #357 – "Tell Me the Stories of Jesus"

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(Parker/Challinor)

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- 5 Show me that scene in the garden of bitter pain;
and of the cross where my Saviour for me was slain.
Sad ones or bright ones, so that they be
stories of Jesus, tell them to me.**

REFLECTION: "Tell me the Stories..."

~Rev. Susan Reed

CHOIR ANTHEM: "Tell My People"

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~Joanne Diplock

WE RESPOND

PRAYERS of the PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory forever and ever.
Amen.**

EXTINGUISHING the CHRIST CANDLE

WE ARE SENT FORTH

*COMMISSIONING

(Adapted from Bob Root; from *Gathering Lent/Easter 2021.*)

Our service ends now.

**We have been faithful to our friend
and stayed with him in his suffering and death.**

Today, this is how the story ends.

**And yet, we are a people with hope,
and so we wait,
and we trust,
and we pray,
and we remember Jesus.**

*CLOSING HYMN: VU #182 – "Stay with Us through the Night" (Farquharson/Klusmeier)

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~Joanne Diplock

**1 Stay with us through the night.
Stay with us through the pain.
Stay with us, blessed stranger
till the morning breaks again.**

- 2 Stay with us through the night.
Stay with us through the grief.
Stay with us, blessed stranger
till the morning brings relief.**
- 3 Stay with us through the night.
Stay with us through the dread.
Stay with us, blessed stranger
till the morning breaks new bread.**

***CLOSING WORDS**

(Adapted from the *Seasons of the Spirit* curriculum 2008-2009.)

We leave in silence.