

*Our Mission:
Love God
Love Others
Make Disciples*



*Our Vision:
Be the hands
and feet
of Christ*

**Northgate United Methodist Church
April 02, 2021
Order of Worship
Good Friday**

Prelude
Greeting

Call to Worship (Litany Based on John 18:1-19:42)

NOTE: *Italicized* text will be read by the leader.

Bold text will be read by everyone in unison.

When Jesus finished praying in the garden, he went to meet his future – a certain death, a certain betrayal.

All around Jesus, people ask, "What is truth?"

He was met by soldiers and false accusers.

All around Jesus, people ask, "What is truth?"

Judas kissed away the meals and the miles they had shared together.

All around Jesus, people ask, "What is truth?"

Peter tried to protect him from an inevitable and foretold end.

All around Jesus, people ask, "What is truth?"

When he couldn't protect him, Peter's fear led him to deny him.

All around Jesus, people ask, "What is truth?"

From hall to hall and heart to heart, they led him in the dark of night to broken justice and false witnesses.

All around Jesus, people ask, "What is truth?"

Pilate questioned his statement: "I came to testify to the truth. I came to be on the side of truth."

All around Jesus, people ask, "What is truth?"

What was Pilate to do since he saw the truth with his eyes, but did not have courage to free it?

All around Jesus, people ask, "What is truth?"

"Crucify him!" still rings across time, because truth unrecognized always gets punished.

And still we're asking, "What is truth?"

Opening Prayer

*O God of infinite love and power,
we gather together on this Good Friday
to reflect on the passion of the Christ.
We are utterly humbled
in the presence of such love and mercy.
Open our hearts this day
to the goodness of Good Friday,
and fill us with your love
and powerful Spirit of Holiness.
Remove from us all sin.
Offer us anew this Life in Christ
that makes all things new. **AMEN.***

Anthem

Were You There

David Forbus, Soloist

Scripture Reading

The 23rd Psalm
English Standard Version

The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters;
he restores my soul.
He leads me in paths of righteousness
for his name's sake.
Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death
I fear no evil;
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff—
they comfort me.
You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.
Surely goodness and mercy
shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD
forever.

This is the Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermonette

Video: "What's So Good About Good Friday?"

Removal of

- Candles
- Paraments
- Bible

Cross draped in black

Benediction: "Go in Peace"

Today's Worship Leaders

Preacher..... Pastor Freddie Orr

Liturgist.....Gail Blythe

Music Director..... David Forbus

Accompanist..... Laura Benton

**Remember to join us in person or online
this Sunday morning at 10:45a.m. for our
live-streamed Easter Worship Service with Communion
He Is Risen! Alleluia!**