

**Welcome to**  
**St. Paul's United Church of Christ**

*An Open and Affirming Congregation of the United Church of Christ*

Friday, April 15<sup>th</sup>.



*Good*  
**FRIDAY**

**GOD IS STILL SPEAKING**

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*NO MATTER WHO YOU ARE, OR WHERE YOU ARE ON LIFE'S  
JOURNEY YOU ARE WELCOME HERE!*

**WELCOME** to all visitors and friends – those worshipping with us for the first time and those returning. We hope you feel at home in our midst. You are also invited to the 6:30 am Sunrise Service and 10:30 am Easter Worship Service with Holy communion, on Easter Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Worship Leadership**

Preacher: The Rev. John J. Ward-Diorio  
Pastor Allyssa A. Boyer

**Ministry of Music**

Minister of Music: Eric R. Dundore  
Choristers' Director: Jonneke A. Dundore  
Assistant Music Director: Mark A. Dundore  
Organist: Sarah A. Myers  
Assistant Organist: Patrice G. Miller

**Ministry of Audio and Video**

Jeffrey A. Dundore

**Characters at the Cross**

Jeff Anderson, Mark Dundore, Chris Bowers, Mary Runkle,  
Art Williams, Lois Ritter & Herb Bomberger

**Pastor Emeritus**

The Rev. Dr. Thomas E. Herrold

**Ministers**

The Entire Congregation



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ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
SERVICE OF WORSHIP

GOOD FRIDAY

April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022

*Please note: the livestream broadcast begins with the Welcome.  
If you do not wish to appear in the livestream, it is best to sit in one of the back three pews of  
the Sanctuary.*

THE WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP (Responsive)

One: No matter where we are on our faith journey, God is with us, ready to hear our confession. We bring our brokenness, our need for forgiveness as we enter our time of worship. We come with hope, embraced by the One who offers us abundant grace and love.

**All: Most loving and giving holy God, we come aware that you know of the times we have missed the mark. We so want to celebrate the birth of your son and his glorious resurrection. We love presents and baskets and shy away from the call to take up our cross. Forgive us for turning away from Jesus' suffering. Forgive us for wanting to avoid the pain and suffering and wanting an easier path. Make us whole as we worship you and remember again this time of Jesus' earthly trial and suffering.**

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE (Responsive):

One: God is holy and just. God loves us so much as God comes to us as a tiny child in a manger, to live among us, to show us the way of truth and love. God loves us so much to walk with us even to the cross. God continues to forgive and make us new.

Let us all say...

**All: Amen**

THE ORGAN PRELUDE "Jesus, By Thy Dear Wounds"

J.S. Bach

OUR LENTEN JOURNEY (Responsive)

One: We began 40 days and nights ago, a day of ashes, a day where we once again began our journey to reflect, to grow in faith, and to renew our devotion to God and to the building of God's Realm here on earth.

**All: And now we are at the cross.**

One: Our journey took us to the desert with Jesus. To hear of his temptation.

**All: And now we are at the cross.**

One: Our journey took us to hear once more God's covenant to Abram, "I am your shield; your reward shall be very great."

**All: And now we are at the cross.**

One: Our journey brought us to hear God's invitation to an abundant life, full of promise and hope.

**All: And now we are at the cross.**

One: Our journey gave witness to the forgiving father of the prodigal son.

**All: And now we are at the cross.**

One: Our journey brought us to the room where Jesus received the generous gift of Mary's anointing.

**All: And now we are at the cross.**

One: We stood with the followers welcoming Jesus' courageous entrance into Jerusalem.

**All: Waiting. Watching. Wondering. Our Lenten journey has been a journey of growth and renewal. And now we are at the cross.**

THE PASSION SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 22:39-71, 23:1-25

HYMN No. 226 "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"

HYMN No. 224 "When I Survey the Wonderous Cross"

### AT THE CROSS OF JESUS

THE WITNESS OF THE CENTURIAN

"Forgive them for they do not know what they are doing."

Extinguish candle

Hymn Response: No 229 (vs 1) "Were You There?"

*Were you there when they crucified my Lord?*

*Were you there when they crucified my Lord?*

*O sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.*

*Were you there when they crucified my Lord?*

THE WITNESS OF BENJAMIN

"I tell you the truth, today you will be with me in paradise."

Extinguish candle

Hymn Response: vs. 1 “Were you there?”

THE WITNESS OF MARY, MOTHER OF JESUS

“Dear woman, here is your son, and to the disciple, here is your mother.”

Extinguish candle

Hymn Response: vs. 1 “Were you there?”

THE WITNESS OF MARY MAGDALENE

“Why have you forsaken me?”

Extinguish candle

Hymn Response: vs. 1 “Were you there?”

THE WITNESS OF SIMON OF CYRENE

“I am thirsty.”

Extinguish candle

Hymn Response: vs. 1 “Were you there?”

THE WITNESS OF A JEWISH SCRIBE

“It is finished.”

Extinguish candle

Hymn Response: vs. 1 “Were you there?”

THE WITNESS OF NICODEMUS

“Into your hands I commit my spirit.”

Extinguish candle

Hymn Response: vs. 1 “Were you there?”

REFLECT IN SILENCE

THE ANTHEM “When Jesus Wept”

Chancel Choir

Billings

PRAYER

SUNG PRAYER RESPONSE FOR CONGREGATION:

*Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.*

*Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.*

LEAVE IN SILENCE