

St. Paul's United Church

April 18, 2014

Good Friday

Prelude Come Sweet Death, Comes Blessed Rest Bach/Wagner

Welcome & Announcements

Call To Worship

One: Gather, friends of the Christ, to hear the story and offer one another support.

All: *We turn now toward the cross, to witness and contemplate our capacity for foolishness and violence.*

One: Let not your hearts be troubled; neither let them be afraid.

All: *Even in the valley of the shadow of death, our God is with us.*

Hymn: There is a Green Hill Far Away VU 152

Reading from the First Testament: Isaiah 52:13 to 53:12

Opening Prayer:

One: Gracious and merciful God, we thank you for gathering us together today to recall the events which happened on Calvary that first Good Friday.

All: **We come overwhelmed by the depth of Jesus' love for us, and his commitment to defeat evil, even when that meant his own suffering and his own death.**

One: In his willingness to make us righteous, he poured himself out to death, even death on a cross, and so, in response to such love and sacrifice,

All: **We commit ourselves as his disciples to overcome evil with good, suffering with wholeness, and oppression with justice in Jesus' name. Amen**

THE SEVEN WORDS FROM THE CROSS

Hymn: My Song is Love Unknown VU 143 (vs 1-2)

THE FIRST WORD

"Father, forgive them, for they know not what they."

Luke 23:34a

Hymn: My Song is Love Unknown VU 143 (vs 3-4)

THE SECOND WORD

"Today you shall be with me in paradise." Luke 23:43

Hymn: Jesus Remember Me VU 148 x 2

THE THIRD WORD

"Dear woman, behold your son." and to John "Behold your mother." John 19: 26,27

Silent prayer: *Pray for families*

Choir: They Crucified My Lord VU 141 (vs 1-2)

THE FOURTH WORD

"My God, my God, why have You forsaken me?" Matt 27:46

Silent prayer: *Bring to mind and pray for those whom you know to be sorrowful, lonely, separated from friends and family, from culture, from land...*

Choir: They Crucified My Lord VU 141 (vs 3-5)

THE FIFTH WORD

"I thirst" John 19:28

Hymn: Lord Listen to Your Children Praying VU 400 x2

SERMON The Message of the Cross

THE SIXTH WORD

"It is finished." John 19:30

Silent prayer: *Offer thanks to God for this incredible gift of love given to us at such cost by Jesus.*

Hymn: Beneath the Cross of Jesus VU 135

THE SEVENTH WORD

"Father, into your hands I commit my spirit." Luke 24:46

PROFESSION OF FAITH VU 918

THE LORD'S PRAYER (spoken) VU 959

All depart in silence, there is no Benediction as the worship begun this morning does not conclude until the Easter Service.

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EASTER SERVICES

April 20 Easter Sunrise Service at 7 a.m. near the pedway on the banks of the St. John River ---Rev. Ellen Beairsto & Rev. Bob Jones to lead the Service, followed with breakfast at St. Paul's United

April 20 Easter Sunday Service and Holy Communion at St. Paul's at 10:30 a.m. Led by Rev. Bob Jones