

Oromocto United Church
Good Friday **March 29, 2024**

WE GATHER TOGETHER

WELCOME

CALLS TO WORSHIP AND OPENING PRAYER

Today the carpenter's hands are nailed to a cross, the king of kings is crowned with thorns and wears the purple robe of mockery. Today is God's Friday. We come in worship. Let us pray:

Holy God, who has opened our ears to hear your Word and our lips to proclaim your truth: open our eyes this day to see in the cross the revelation of your love; through Jesus the Crucified, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, be honour and praise, now and forever. Amen.

***HYMN** *My Song is Love Unknown VU 143 vs 1 and 4*

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE: John 18: 1-14

Hymn *Jesus, Remember Me* **VU 148**

SCRIPTURE: John 18: 15-27

SUNG REFRAIN *Bitter was the night* **VU 132 vs 1-3**

SCRIPTURE: John 18: 28-38a

Hymn: *Jesus Remember Me* **VU 148**

SCRIPTURE: John 18: 38b-19:16a

Reflective Music

SCRIPTURE: John 19:16b – 30

SUNG REFRAIN *Were You There* **VU 144 VS 1-4**

SCRIPTURE: John 19:31-42

SUNG REFRAIN - *Were You There* **VU 144 VS 5**

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND CONCERN AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN *Beneath the Cross the of Jesus VU 135*

COMMISSIONING

Jesus walked the chosen path, facing the court of humankind, a court of self-interest, selfishness, and proclaimed entitlement. His supporters abandoned him, leaving him to face his fate. He was alone, almost, with his mother, Mary, her sister, and one disciple left. His mother watched in pain to see her son bow his head and give up his spirit.

On this Good Friday, we too watch in pain, knowing what humankind is capable of.

We pray for Jesus' spirit to live on in us.

We pray for Jesus' life to fill our lives with hope, even as he hangs on the cross.

We pray for Jesus' love to propel us forward to our chosen path, the path of Jesus. Amen.

We ask that you leave the sanctuary and church building without talking and in silent reflection on the Passion of Jesus Christ. Please come back on Easter Sunday ready to sing praise to God for God's transforming power and grace.

Thank you to all our participants in today's service. Our service has used resources from Reverend Jenni Leslie, Reverend Herb Dejung and the United Church's Resource Celebrate God's Presence.