

Welcome to the Ripon Community Ecumenical Good Friday Worship Service
First Congregational United Church of Christ
Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church
Immanuel United Methodist Church
Our Saviour's United Church of Christ

Worship 6:30pm

March 29, 2024

* *All who are able please stand*

L: Leader; P: People

Accompanist: Nicole Burdick

*SENTENCES

L: Blessed be our God, for ever and ever. Amen.

*INVOCATION

L: Let us pray.

ALL: Almighty God, we ask you to look with mercy on your family for whom our Savior Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, to be given over to the hands of sinners, and to suffer death on the cross; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

READING OF SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 52:13-53:12

SILENT REFLECTION

*HYMN: "O Sacred Head Now Wounded"

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READING OF THE PASSION STORY

PART I: Mark 9:30-37; 10:17-23, 46-52

PART II: Mark 11:1-11, 14:1-25; John 13:2-17

SPECIAL MUSIC: "There is a Balm in Gilead"

With the Beatitudes from Our Saviour's Church

PART III: John 12:20-28, 13:31-14:10; Matthew 26:36-56

PART IV: John 17:1-10, 17:16-23; Luke 22:54-71; Matthew 27:3-10

SPECIAL MUSIC: "Were You There"

With Tim Lyke & Stephanie Prellwitz from First Congregational Church

PART V: Mark 15:1-14 Luke 23:4-11; Matthew 27:11-31

PART VI: (SEVEN LAST WORDS)

Luke 23:26-32 / Matthew 27:33, 34, 37 / Luke 23:35, 36; 23:34, 39-43

John 19:25-27 / Luke 23:44-45 / Matthew 27:46 / John 19:28-30 / Luke 23:46

SPECIAL MUSIC: "What He's Done" by Passion

With Immanuel Praise Band

PART VII: Matthew 27:51-66

A VISUAL REFLECTION: Psalm 22

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by The Work of the People

GOOD FRIDAY PRAYERS

L: Let us pray, brothers and sisters, for the holy church of God throughout the world that God may guide it and gather it together so that we may worship God in peace and tranquility. (*Silent prayer.*)

L: Almighty and eternal God, you have shown your glory to all nations in Jesus Christ. Guide the work of the church. Help it to persevere in faith, to proclaim your name, and to offer salvation to people everywhere. We ask this through Christ our Savior.

P: Amen.

L: Let us pray for our pastors and other ordained ministers, for all servants of the church, and for all the people of God. (*Silent prayer.*)

L: Almighty and eternal God, your Spirit guides the church and makes it holy. Strengthen and uphold our pastors and our leaders; keep them in health and safety for the good of the church and help each of us to do faithfully the work to which you have called us. We ask this through Christ our Savior.

P: Amen.

L: Let us pray for those who do not believe in Christ, that the light of the Holy Spirit may show them the way of salvation. (*Silent prayer.*)

L: Almighty and eternal God, enable those who do not acknowledge Christ to receive the truth of the gospel. Help us, your people, to grow in love for one another, to grasp more fully the mystery of your Godhead, and so to become more perfect witnesses of your love in the sight of all people. We ask this through Christ our Savior.

P: Amen.

L: Let us pray for those who serve in public office, that God may guide their minds and hearts, so that all of us may live in true peace and freedom. (*Silent prayer.*)

L: Almighty and eternal God, you are the champion of the poor and oppressed. In your goodness, watch over those in authority so that people everywhere may enjoy justice, peace, freedom, and a share in the goodness of your creation. We ask this through Christ our Savior.

P: Amen.

L: Let us pray that the Almighty and merciful God may heal the sick, comfort the dying, give safety to travelers, free those unjustly deprived of liberty, and

rid the world of falsehood, hunger, and disease. (*Silent prayer.*)

L: Almighty and eternal God, you give strength to the weary and new courage to those who have lost heart. Hear the prayers of all who call on you in any trouble that they may have the joy of receiving your help in their need. We ask this through Christ our Savior.

P: Amen.

PRAYER OF OUR SAVIOR (Unison: using debt and debtors)

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Hymn: "Ah, Holy Jesus, How Hast Thou Offended"

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MEDITATION ABOUT THE CROSS

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A VISUAL REFLECTION: Have You Forsaken Me?

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(Covering of the Cross) By The Work of the People

BENEDICTION

L: We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

P: By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

[It is customary to exit this service in silence.]

There are offering plates by all the entrances. The free will offering from today's service will go to The Ripon Food Pantry, located in St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Church and the Community Food Pantry located at Traded Treasures.