

Forest Hill United Church  
'open doors, open hearts, open minds'



Good Friday April 2, 2021 11 a.m.

WELCOME to worship!

Gathering

Prelude: Fûr Élise, by Ludwig van Beethoven

Lighting of the Christ Candle and Extinguishing of Lenten Candles

Introit: VU 136

**O come and mourn with me awhile;  
O come now to the Saviour's side;  
O come, together let us mourn:  
Jesus, our Love, is crucified.**

Welcome and Announcements

Centering Prayer:

Call to Worship:

One: Children of the Resurrection. Where are you?  
**All: We are with Jesus, our God, at the end.**  
One: Children of the Resurrection. Do you no know that an end is always a beginning?  
**All: We are tired. The journey has been too long, the ending, too cruel.**  
One: Children of the Resurrection. You are not alone.  
**All: We live in God's world. Together we bear witness to the crucifixion of Jesus while we hold tight to**

**that tiny spark of light that lives in our hearts, the spark of the Resurrection.**

Gathering Prayer: (All)

**We stand here at the foot of a cross.  
Our journey has brought us here, as we knew it would.  
We lift our eyes to a point beyond the hill called Calvary, but now is not the time.  
Our journey led us to here to act as witness to what Jesus does now.  
An act that will lead us through shadow to resurrection.  
But first, we stand here, in the shadow of a cross, to bear witness together.  
The Body of Christ.  
Lead by the Word.  
We, the Children of the Resurrection, we wait with our God, witnesses to the cruelty of the crucifixion, witnesses to the Love of God made flesh so easily broken. we stand, as witness, our faces shadowed by the cross, Tear filled eyes drawn past that place  
On a hill called Calvary,  
toward the glory of the Resurrection.  
Amen.**

Opening Hymn: Were You There VU 144

All Readings: taken Matthew 26 - 27

Judas Agrees to Betray Jesus

Jesus Prays in Gethsemane

Special Music: Fantaisie-Impromptu in c# minor, op. 66, Frédéric Chopin

The Betrayal and Arrest of Jesus

HYMN: What Wondrous Love is This VU 147  
(verses 1, 3 and 4 \*no verse 2)

Jesus before the High Priest

The Death by Suicide of Judas

Pilate Hands Jesus over to Be Crucified

The Crucifixion of Jesus

The Death of Jesus

Christ Candle is extinguished

Special Music: At the Cross Her Vigil Keeping VU 139

The Burial of Jesus

the Guard at the Tomb