

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



Good Friday
April 15, 2022 11 a.m.



Good Friday Service in Scripture and Song

This service has been adapted with permission from a Good Friday Service by Constance Cherry in Reformed Worship NO 134, Dec 2019. We ask that you participate by bringing the objects to the Worship Table when indicated. The service will proceed with minimal instruction.

Prelude: Jesus Walks that Lonesome Valley - American Folk Hymn

Welcome, Acknowledgement & Announcements:

Call to Worship:

Gathering Prayer:

The Sunday Before Jesus Died

Matthew 21: 1-11 Reader 1
Hosanna, Loud Hosanna VU 123 vs 1 & 2
(bring palm branches to cover the Worship Table)

A Pre-Burial Anointing of Jesus' Body

Matthew 26: 6-13 Reader 2
Fairest Lord Jesus VU 341 vs 1 & 2
(Ointment jar placed on Worship Table)

Judas Betrays Jesus

Matthew 26: 14-16 Reader 1
Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive VU 364
(Bag of Coins placed on the Worship Table)

Jesus Keeps the Jewish Feast of Passover

Matthew 26: 17-25 Reader 1
(Small Wooden Bowl placed on the Worship Table)

Prayer of Confession

We are hard on Judas, but we too are guilty of betrayal.

Is it I, Lord?

Like the disciples, we often listen to Jesus' words but don't really hear what he is saying.

Is it I, Lord?

Like the disciples, we follow him, but sometimes at a distance.

Is it I, Lord?

Like the disciples, Jesus has given us all authority under heaven; yet we lack the faith to take action in his name.

Is it I, Lord?

Like the disciples, when Jesus asks us to spend time with him, we fall asleep.

Is it I, Lord?

Like the disciples, we have heard the Good News; yet we hide in fear of what it will cost us to tell God's story.

Is it I, Lord?

[Silent Confession]

Jesus Christ, Lord and Saviour, we have failed you. We are sorry. Forgive our faithlessness, our self-protection, and our laziness. Give us strength to follow you with boldness. Fill us with your Spirit that we may be disciples who follow you in true devotion. Amen.

Sung Assurance of Pardon

Amazing Grace VU 266

Jesus Assigns New Meaning to the Meal

Matthew 26: 26-30 Reader 2
Let Us Break Bread Together VU 480
(Chalice and Plate placed on Worship Table)

Jesus Predicts the Disciples' Response to His Betrayal

Matthew 26: 31-32 Reader 2
Just As I Am VU 508 vs 1, 3 & 4
(Shepherd's Crook placed by Worship Table)

Peter Swears Allegiance to Jesus
Matthew 26: 33-35 Reader 1

Jesus Begs God for is Life in the Garden
Matthew 26: 36-41 Reader 1
Go to Dark Gethsemane VU 133 vs 1

Jesus Continues in Prayer
Matthew 26: 42-46 Reader 1

Jesus is Arrested
Matthew 26: 47-56 Reader 2
(Sword is placed on the Worship Table)

Jesus Endures Kangaroo Court
Matthew 26: 57-68 Reader 1
Go to Dark Gethsemane VU 133 vs 2

Peter Swears He Doesn't Know Jesus
Matthew 26: 69-75 Reader 2
(Rooster Placed on the Worship Table)

Judas and the Priests Turn on Each Other
Matthew 27: 1-10 Reader 1
O Love That Will Not Let Me Go VU 658 vs 1
(Coin Bag Thrown on the Floor)

The Jews Obtain Permission from Rome to Crucify Jesus
Matthew 27: 11-26 Reader 2
(Plain White Wash Basin placed on Worship Table)

Jesus is ridiculed and beaten
Matthew 27: 27-32 Reader 1
O Sacred Head Sore Wounded – Violin Solo Libby Cassidy
(Crown of thorns placed on Worship Table)

Jesus is Murdered
Matthew 27: 33-44 Reader 2
Were You There VU144 vs 1 & 2

Jesus Draws His Last Breath
Matthew 27: 45-54 Reader 2

Silence

Jesus Lifeless Body is Buried
Matthew 27: 55-61 Reader 2
Were You There VU 144 vs 5
(White linen cloth placed on Worship Table and Christ Candle extinguished)

The Tomb is Secured
Matthew 27: 62-66 Worship Leader

Invitation to Self-Reflection and Prayer

Closing Hymn:
When I Survey the Wondrous Cross VU 149

After the Postlude, you are invited to sit and meditate and then when you wish, in silence, please leave the Sanctuary.

Postlude There is a Green Hill Far Away VU 157 Violin Solo Libby Cassidy

Land Acknowledgment

At Forest Hill United Church, we acknowledge that our church is built on ancestral, traditional and unceded Wolastoqey land.

Declaration of a Safe Place

Forest Hill United Church is a safe place for people to gather, regardless of race, creed, age, cultural background, family status, sexual orientation and gender identity.

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