

WELCOME CENTER: First time at Asbury? Stop by our welcome center if you have questions or if you would like a copy of our latest newsletter or other brochures!

WEEKLY INFORMATION:

Attendance Last Sunday: In Person: 105
Online: 25

Food Pantry Items Donated and Purchased Last Week: 339
2024 Year-to-Date Total: 4,589

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS TODAY

Organist: Bina West

Participants: Pastor Michael Terrell
Jean Marshall, Lay Servant
Sue Snell, Lay Servant
Michelle and Ben Rudd, Lay Servants
Sue Beaman, Reader
Deb and Herb Van Houten, Readers
Lindsay Webb, Lay Servant
Krista Juczak, Scenery Setup

EASTER SUNDAY SERVICES

Easter Sunrise Service

6:46 A.M. @ Thompson Park
Pinnacle

Chapel Service

8:15 A.M. @ Chapel

Sanctuary Service

10:15 A.M. @ Sanctuary



**ASBURY
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
MARCH 29, 2024: 12:15 & 6:15 P.M.
GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE**

*Making disciples of Jesus Christ
for the transformation of the world.*



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ORDER OF WORSHIP

(☙ - Indicates please stand, if able, in posture or in spirit.)

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND INSTRUCTION

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come, let us gather again in the shadow of the Cross of Christ.

People: We gather to remember the overwhelming evidence of Love's ultimate sacrifice.

Leader: Who would have guessed that the height and depth, the length and width of God's love might look like this: a forsaken savior on a cross?

People: Certainly not us... Not us, who are too often lost amid the world's distractions and responsibilities... Not us, for whom such love was offered without cost.

Leader: Let us gather again in the shadow of the Cross of Christ and commit ourselves to remember the price paid... Let us live our lives in a way that indicates why this Friday is called "Good."

All: Thanks be to God, who opened the gates of heaven, that we might have the faith, hope, and love, witnessed in Christ's sacrifice for our salvation.

☙ HYMN: "Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed" #294
(v. 1, 2, 5)

OPENING PRAYER (IN UNISON)

O God of infinite love and power, we gather together on this Good Friday to reflect on the passion of the Christ. We are utterly humbled in the presence of such love and mercy. Open our hearts this day to the goodness of Good Friday, and fill us with your love and powerful Spirit of Holiness. Remove from us all sin. Offer us anew this Life in Christ that makes all things new. Amen.

THOUGHTS AND REFLECTIONS

Lindsay Webb

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, our Father, we all, like sheep, have gone astray... We have all turned to our own way... We have sinned and have been the cause of Christ's suffering. Please forgive us, we pray. Remove the sins that distance us from you and from those we love and care about. Remove our selfishness, our pride, our envy, and our greed. Remove from us our thoughtless acts and words that hurt one another. Remove from us the tendency to hurt others out of revenge and anger. Forgive us please... Create in us a clean heart, O Lord, and renew in us a right spirit. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Leader: In the name of the compassionate Christ, we are forgiven. For God has declared, "I forgive your evil ways and remember your sins no more!" Thank you Jesus.

SHADOW OF CONDEMNATION

READING: Luke 23: 13-25

PRAYER: Forgiving Christ, when the world condemns us, when wrong is done to us, when we carry the weight of things that are too much to forgive, even of ourselves, come alongside us in the darkness, and give us the grace to be forgiven and forgiving.

(Silence)

SONG: "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" (v. 1) #286

SHADOW OF SEPARATION – FORGIVENESS

READING: Luke 23: 32-43

PRAYER: Reconciling Christ, we are weighed down by sin and separation, a world that is not at peace, people who are not whole. You reached out to the thief, you welcomed him to God's side. Come alongside us in the darkness, and bring grace and peace to everything that is broken inside us.

(Silence)

SONG: "Jesus, Remember Me" #488

SHADOW OF SORROW – CARING FOR OTHERS

READING: John 19: 25-27

PRAYER: Loving Jesus, we carry the weight of the people we love, concern for their sorrows and suffering. Our care for them is deep, and sometimes there is not much we can do. Come alongside us in the darkness, and cradle the ones we love in your strong hands.
(Silence)

SHADOW OF DESPAIR – FEELING ALONE

READING: Matthew 27: 45-46

SPECIAL MUSIC: “Who Is That Man?” Michelle and Ben Rudd

PRAYER: Lord Jesus Christ, you know what it is to feel that God is far away. You know what it is to call out for God’s presence. Come alongside us in the darkness, and help us call out for God.
(Silence)

SHADOW OF SUFFERING

READING: John 19: 28-30 - In His crushing death, Jesus endured all the pain and suffering, shedding His blood so that our scarlet sins could become white as snow.

PRAYER: Suffering Savior, in all our thirst, in all our sickness, in all our longing, in all our pain, you are there. Come alongside us in the darkness, and walk with us through all our suffering.
(Silence)

SONG: “Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus” #349

SHADOW OF DEATH

READING: Luke 23: 44-49

PRAYER: Dearest Jesus, even in death, you are there. When we mourn, when we are afraid, when we come to our own end, you have been there, too. Come alongside us in the darkness, and carry us through death to life.
(Silence)

SONG: “Go to Dark Gethsemane” #290
(v. 1, 2, 3)

BENEDICTION (1 Peter 2)

By his stripes we are healed. By his wounds, we are made whole. Go in the name of Jesus Christ and live in the salvation made possible by the Goodness of this Friday. Amen.

(Leave in silence please)

LET US PRAY THIS WEEK FOR OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS:
Our home bound and nursing home residents: Jane Alteri, Linda Bennett, Lois Berry, Ellie Cerow, David Heasley, Bill Lennon, and Stevie Mider.
Others: Mike Hill, Keri Morris, Steven Palmer, Stacy and Kevin Teunissen, Dortha Brown, Sue, Patty, Fred, Doris B., and Frank.

