



Brook Hill United Methodist Church

Good Friday

April 18, 2025

**Easter People: Why?
...*Because He Died***

PASTORAL TEAM:

Rev. Dr. Dana Werts, Lead Pastor
Rev. Kathy Altman, Associate Pastor

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Good Friday, 7pm

* *Stand as you are able*

Prelude

"Prelude no. 4" (Bach)

Garrett Harmon

Welcome

* **Call to Worship**

Pastor Kathy

Leader: We come together this day at the foot of an old rugged cross.

All: We come in reverence and awe of the ultimate sacrifice made for us.

Leader: We join in solemn worship remembering that Christ bore such an agonizing pain and death, to stand in the gap for us.

All: There is no greater love than this, to lay down one's life for a friend.

Leader: As we pray and read the holy scriptures, may we be drawn closer to Christ as we stand at the foot of this cross.

All: We honor and worship you today, oh Christ, our Savior and Redeemer, remembering the price you have paid for all of us.

* **Hymn #292**

"What Wondrous Love Is This"

Opening Prayer

God of our salvation, who are we that you are mindful of us? That you would save us? You know our sins, our shortcomings, our downfalls and our mistakes, and yet you still love us. We bow in reverence and humility at such overwhelming love and mercy. Thank you for grace that abounds, for love that supersedes and mercy that looks beyond faults and see our needs. Amen.

Anthem

"Truly, This Was God's Son"

Chancel Choir

from Who Do You Say That I Am? (Lloyd Larson)

Pastoral Prayer and **Lord's Prayer**

(Anyone is welcome to come forward and kneel at the rail)

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. 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 #288**

"Were You There"

Good Friday Creative Reading

Steve Eppard, Kathleen Rogers, Ellen Adams, Randy Werts

Message

"Because He Died"

Pastor Dana

*** Hymn #298 "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"**

Candle Litany for Good Friday *(by Elsie Rempel)*

Leader: When we hate or are unkind to each other, the world becomes a darker place.

(extinguish one candle)

All: Jesus taught us to love each other.

Leader: When we want everything for ourselves, the world becomes a darker place.

(extinguish one candle)

All: Jesus taught us to share with others.

Leader: When we scare or bully others, the world becomes a darker place.

(extinguish one candle)

All: Jesus taught us that love is better than fear.

Leader: When we are jealous of others, the world becomes a darker place.

(extinguish one candle)

All: Jesus taught us contentment.

Leader: When we lie, the world becomes a darker place.

(extinguish one candle)

All: Jesus taught us honesty.

Leader: People's hatred, greed, selfishness, jealousy, and dishonesty placed Jesus on the cross. For Jesus' friends, the world seemed like a very dark place. In the darkness, Jesus said,

All: "O God, forgive them, for they don't know what they are doing."

(extinguish one candle)

*** Blessing**

Leave in Silence

Our worship service has ended. Our service of worship begins.



Easter

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| 4/20 6:30am | + Sunrise Service at Whittier Pavilion |
| 4/20 9 & 11am | + Easter Sunday "Because He Lives" |
| 4/21 | + Church Office Closed |