

Worship Bulletin of the United Methodist Church of Vista

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In-house and Live-stream Worship

April 15, 2022 7:00 p.m. Good Friday

Gathering

Prelude

"Were You There"

Words and Music: African American Spiritual, adapt. & arr. Weilliam Farley Smith, 1986 Adam Ferrara

Pastoral Welcome with Rev. Dr. Leigh Ann Shaw

God is light, in whom there is no darkness at all.

Jesus is the light of the world.

And this is the judgment, that the light has come to the world

And we loved darkness rather than light.

Special Music

"O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"

Music: Hassler, 1601, harm. Bach, 1729, setting by Michael Burkhardt

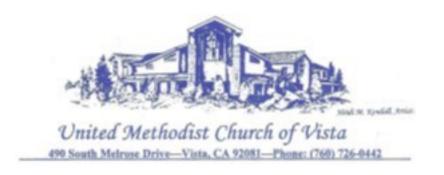
Adam Ferrara, Organ

Opening Prayer with Dakota Koenig, Certified Lay Minister

Sovereign God, we come into your presence seeking you. May we be startled anew at your astounding work, will, and way. May our hearts be open to brokenness and compassion. Anoint our worship and render any barrier that separates us from you. May your word permeate our flesh, fill our spirits, and be engraved upon our hearts.

We light our candles for the light and in honor of Jesus' final journey, knowing these candles will soon be extinguished. (*Light candles*)

The darkness of Christ's death is near, but before that end, we remember the last moments. May the warmth of the flame sustain us until God's grace is restored.



Opening Song

"What Wondrous Love is This" UMH 292

Words: USA folk hymn

Music: USA folk hymn, harm. by Paul J. Christiansen, 1955

Adam Ferrara

Sharing the Word

Scripture with Rollin Grider

Isaiah 52:13-53:6 (NRSV)

(extinguish candle 1)

Song of the Word

"Come and Find the Quiet Center" FWS 2128

Words: Shirley Erena Murray Music: Att. To B. F. White

Adam Ferrara

Scripture with Dakota Koenig, Certified Lay Minister John 18:1-18 (NRSV)

(extinguish candle 2)

Scripture with Rev. Dr. Leigh Ann Shaw John 18:19-33 (NRSV)

(extinguish candle 3)

Message

On the Verge of Grief

Rev. Dr. Leigh Ann Shaw

Song of the Word

"Were You There" UMH 288, Vs. 1, 4 & 5

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Adam Ferrara



Litany of the Table and the Cross with Rev. Dr. Leigh Ann Shaw and Rev. Frank Hallock

Pastor: The cross of Christ becomes the table of grace for all humanity on Good Friday. The body and blood of Jesus are sacrificed for our sake and the sake of the world; forgiveness for sins; a new covenant given for us. Jesus' service is complete on this night. With the sharing of the final walk of Jesus, please share in the responses which come from the prayer of Great Thanksgiving. Instead of a meal, tonight we go away empty and into the darkness.

Pilate entered the headquarters and called Jesus, and said to him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a King. For this I was born, and for this I have come into the world, to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears my voice."

Pilate sought to release him, but the religious authorities cried out, "If you release this man, you are not Caesar's friend; everyone who makes himself a king sets himself against Caesar." Hearing this, Pilate brought Jesus out and said to the religious authorities, "Behold your King!" They cried out, "Away with him, away with him, crucify him."

Pilate handed Jesus over to be crucified, and the soldiers took Him away. Jesus went out carrying his own cross, to the place of a skull, called in Hebrew, Golgotha. There they crucified him.

(extinguish candle 4)

The table is set before us. A feast is prepared. A meal of bread and wine, of meat and bitter herbs. It is the Passover.

With Jesus, there were two others, one on either side, Jesus between them. Many saw. Many read the sign, "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews." The soldiers divided his clothes except for his seamless tunic to fulfill the scriptures. Standing by the cross were his mother and the disciple Jesus loved and he said to his mother, "Woman, behold your son!" And then to the disciple he said, "Behold your mother!" From that hour the disciple took her to his own home.

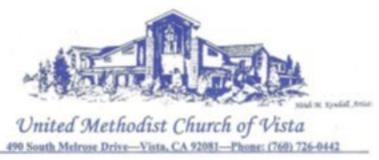
The Lord calls us to this supper of remembrance. This is my body broken for you. This is the blood of a new covenant. We are a new creation as we meet at the table. We are a new family as we meet at the cross.

After this, Jesus said, "I thirst." Jesus received vinegar from a sponge, then said, "It is finished," and bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

(extinguish candle 5)

Christ's sacrifice. Christ's love. For Christ, we wait.

Since it was the day of Preparation, Jesus' body was pierced and at once blood and water came out. And Jesus was brought down from the cross. Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus, took Jesus' body and placed it in a new tomb where no one had ever been laid. Nicodemus came and brought a mixture of myrrh and aloe. Jesus was embalmed with spices and wrapped in linen cloths.



God has been blessed and broken for us and our sake. God is poured out and into the world. Let us therefore be remade. Let our church and our world and our lives be remade. Spread the feast of death and new life before our friends and our enemies that all may be gathered in peace.

This is a moment for silence. This is a moment to pause. This is a moment that carries the weight of the world. Jesus Christ for our sake became obedient unto death, even death on a cross.

The Lamb of God, have mercy upon us.

The Hope of new life, have mercy on us.

The Prince of Peace, grant us grace. Amen.

The light of the world is extinguished (extinguish candle 6). Christ has been denied. Christ has been betrayed. The grief of Christ's death is written upon us.

The Tomb of Death will be opened again, but for now it is sealed. Even in the darkness, we cling to hope... Now and forever, amen.

Benediction with Rev. Dr. Leigh Ann Shaw

The Son of God, Jesus Christ, was lifted high upon the cross so that he might draw the whole world to himself. May the God of all grace, who in glory died that we may live, keep you and strengthen you, now and forever. Amen.

(extinguish final candle 7)

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