

Good Friday
April 18, 2025, 7:00 pm
Little Prairie United Methodist Church



Gift of Love

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Our vision: Creating a welcoming community that worships well, disciples well, and serves well;
transforming the world for Jesus Christ.

WELCOME AND GATHERING

Gathering Music: *"The Power of the Cross" by Keith Getty & Stuart Townend arr. Carol Tornquist
Luann Alderks*

Words for meditation FWS #3085

Welcome

Pastor Penny Bonsell

Call to Worship

On this Holy Friday, we follow Jesus through a sham trial where earthly justice will not prevail, up the hill to Golgotha, all the while questioning:

My God, my God, where are you?

We follow the women who held vigil at the foot of the cross, all the while despairing:

My God, my God, where are you?

We come near to Jesus as soldiers mock him, all the while crying out:

My God, my God, where are you?

We sit in grief and dismay, once again confronted with the horrible reality of sin and evil in our world that people just like us would crucify Love Incarnate. And all the while, God sits with us, saying:

My child, my child, I am here.

Come, let us worship God who, even on this day, is never far from us.

Amen.

Based on writings by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, September 2024.

Opening Hymn

Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley TFWS # 2112

All

Prayer

Now we know: all is grace, all is gift.

You give us all good things: life and love; daily bread and water that quenches our thirst; friends and faith.

Most of all, in your Son, Jesus, you meet us with a love that will never let us go;

You utter words of mercy and forgiveness that override the hurts, and heal our brokenness;

You offer new beginnings where we had expected only dead ends.

We give you thanks and praise for the mystery of your suffering love that gives us life.

We give you thanks and praise that you know our weakness and hear our prayers.

We give you thanks and praise that all our dying and living is held in your good keeping.

Now we know: all is grace, all is gift, all is Love. Amen.

Adapted from Christine Jerrett,

THE WORD

A Tenebrae Reading from Psalm 22 and John 18:1-19:42

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Hymn *Were You There UMH #288*

All

And in the prayer Christ gives us . . .

The Lord's Prayer

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 sins as we forgive those who sin 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.

Special Music *Shalom UMH #667*

SENDING

May the God whose love persists through violence, the stillness of the tomb, and the grief of our brokenness reign in our hearts as we sit and keep watch over Jesus Christ, our King whose rule is love.
Amen.

Postlude *"What Wondrous Love Is This" Tune: Southern Harmony arr. Jeanne Cotter*

Luann Alderks

Depart in Silence and meditation

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