

WEST END UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

ORDER OF WORSHIP March 29, 2024 at Noon Good Friday

GATHERING AND PROCLAMATION

Chiming of the Hour

Liturgist: Christ himself bore our sins in his body on the tree that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. People: Liturgist: This is too much to hold; we can grieve with God. People: † Hymn No. 286: O Sacred Head, Now Wounded.......Passion Chorale † Call to Confession † Prayer of Confession (in unison) God of solidarity and sorrows, thank you for being a God of deep and raw emotion; a God who did not endure violence in silence but who spoke and cried out as your body was broken on the cross. Help us to understand that our memory of you is more whole when we remember you alongside the injustices you suffered: the hunger, the abuse, the loneliness of the world. Today let us grieve the path of the cross – illness, violence, alienation, the degradation of land, and all the unspoken pain. Let us weep and rest. Reveal yourself to us, remind us of a God who knows the weight of oppression, and help us believe that you are truly with us; that your cause is our cause: justice and liberation in life and death. † Silent Confession † Words of Assurance Liturgist: Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! All: Glory to God. Amen. O good Jesus, have mercy upon us, for thou hast created us,

thou hast redeemed us by thy most precious blood.

Prayer for Illumination.......Carol Cavin-Dillon Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and the Word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen. Response to the Lesson Liturgist: The Word of God for the people of God. People: Thanks be to God. Anthem: When I Survey the Wondrous CrossBob Chilcott *Text can be found in the hymnal, #298* Prayer of Humility Emily Robbins The Lord's Prayer (in unison) 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. Blessed Jesus, who takes away the sins of the world, grant us rest Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, grant us rest. **SENDING FORTH**

† Benediction

† Veiling of the Cross and Extinguishing of the Christ Candle

Please depart in silence.

My Song Is Love Unknown



Calvary

9.9.9.8 with refrain



ABOUT TODAY'S SERVICE

Today's liturgy adapted by Aimee Baxter from the UMC Book of Worship and "Black Liturgies" by Cole Arthur Riley.

Music Participants

Members of the Chancel and Sanctuary Choirs Matthew Phelps: Director / Organist

Sarah Dunnevant and Emma Jackson: soloists, Soprano

Today's Music

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"Jesus Crucified on Golgotha" was painted by Dan Comaniciu who was born in 1981 in Brasov, Romania.

† The congregation is invited to rise in body or in spirit.

JOIN US FOR EASTER BRUNCH

Join us for Easter Brunch in the Gym during the Sunday School hour. Don't miss this a well-loved West End tradition. There will be no Sunday School or Children's Church on Easter Sunday. Childcare will be available for birth thru age 2.

MAKING ROOM FOR MORE ON EASTER MORNING AT WEST END

On Easter Sunday, we experience our largest attendance of the year. To prepare for the increase, here are a few things you need to know.

- Alternate Parking Please help make room for our guests! West End attenders are invited to park at the Caterpillar garage and walk over to worship. The garage can be accessed off Louise Avenue on Hayes Street. Use the intercom to tell the guard that you are with West End UMC. Following worship, you will re-enter the garage via the pedestrian door on Hayes Street using the intercom.
- Make Room In The Pews We are expecting a large number of worshipers on Easter Sunday and want to have a seat for everyone. Please use the coat racks in the breezeway and Reed Hall or put your jackets behind you. Purses and backpacks should go in your lap or underneath your seat.



