

Solemn Reproaches of the Cross

When prompted respond...

Leader: Holy God,
Holy and mighty,
holy immortal One.

People: **Have mercy upon us.**

✠Hymn #228 *Were You There?*

Draping of Sanctuary

Reading *It was on the Friday* (from *Stages on the Way* by Wild Goose Worship)

All depart in silence

✠Please stand if able. Remain seated if need be.

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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHAMPAIGN

Good Friday Service with First United Methodist Church
April 7, 2023



Welcome to First Presbyterian Church
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Bienvenidos a La Primera Iglesia Presbiteriana
삼페인 제일 장로교회에 오신것을 환영합니다.
Si vous souhaitez que le service soit traduit en français,
procurez-vous un récepteur et des écouteurs à l'arrière du sanctuaire.

Service for Good Friday

We invite you to join with us remembering He who bore his crown of thorns willingly, rose from the dead, and defeated death that we might have eternal life. Welcome all.

Prelude

✠**Call to Worship** (“Lord, where are you now?” from *Stages on the Way* by Wild Goose Worship)

So, there it is,
the ugly shape of beautiful wood,
rough hewn by human hands.

Lord, where are you now?

And there it is,
a tight-shut tomb,
a borrowed grave
sealed with stone and silence.

Lord, where are you now?

And, there it is,
your broken body,
shrouded in linen,
clothed in darkness.

Lord, where are you now?

And somewhere stand your people,
crying though tired of crying,
their eyes sore and bloodshot.
They will not sleep tonight.

Lord, where are you now?

And out in the streets,
the children have stopped their playing,
the sound of music has gone sour,
even the unlikely folk fidget and wonder..

Lord, where are you now?

And here we are,
saying,
‘If only,’
murmuring
‘Surely not,’

counting the cost for once
of our carelessness
and our lovelessness
and our sin.

Trying so vainly to gain all,
we’ve bartered you away in the transaction.
We have lost the one who found us.

With the Peters and Marys of all time,
we wait,
for only you can tell
whether we are worth rising for.

Gathering Prayer

✠**Hymn #223** *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

Word

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture *John 18:1-19:42* (NT pg. 112)

Anthem *O Love Divine*
Combined Choir

Prayers of the People and *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 debts,
as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**