



**SPRUCE PINE
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE OF WORSHIP**
April 2, 2021
7:00 PM

Prelude

Kathy Miller - Organ

Greeting/Call to Worship

We enter into a holy place
through the new and loving way
Jesus, the Christ, has opened for us.

**We come as holy people –
born of the grace of Jesus Christ,
delivered through his blood.**

A Moment of Silence

Opening Prayer

To our God who is with us in the midst of our grief, let us pray together...

O God, we stand near the cross – disturbed, distraught, and discouraged. Yet we gather here as disciples, those whom Jesus loves. On this solemn day, let us stand as witnesses to your great love for all the world, as revealed to us through the outstretched arms of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

A Moment of Silence

Opening Hymn

Go to Dark Gethsemane
(Verses 1 – 3)

UMH 290

A Moment of Silence

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 52.13-53.12

CEB 898 - 899

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Gospel Reading

John 18.1-19.42

CEB 1317

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Sermon

Betrayal

Rev. Rick Schilling

A Moment of Silence

Solemn Reproaches of the Cross

My people, my people,
why have you forsaken me?
Answer me!
I delivered you from captivity
through the water of baptism;
but you handed me over to my captors,
giving me up to die;
and you have made a cross for your Savior.
Lord, have mercy.

I fed you in the wilderness
with the bread of life from heaven;
but you are consumed with desire,
biting and devouring one another;
and you have made a cross for your Savior.
Lord, have mercy.

I claimed you as my family,
as branches of my vine;
but you cut off my chosen ones,
spilling innocent blood;
and you have made a cross for your Savior.
Lord, have mercy.

I spoke to you my Word,
the promise of my love for all;
but you silence my prophets,
refusing to hear my voice;
and you have made a cross for your Savior.
Lord, have mercy.

I came to be your light,
to overcome the darkness;
but you remain in the shadows,
hiding your light from the world;
and you have made a cross for your Savior.
Lord, have mercy.

I gave you the keys to my realm
and welcomed you inside;
but you turn away strangers,
closing the doors that I open;
and you have made a cross for your Savior.
Lord, have mercy.

I offered you my peace
and clothed you with compassion;
but you divide my garments,
tearing apart when I design;
and you have made a cross for your Savior.
Lord, have mercy.

I sent my Holy Spirit
to empower you with grace;
but you trust your own devices,
squandering my good gifts;
and you have made a cross for your Savior.
Lord, have mercy.

I came to dwell among you
as the Word made flesh;
but you ignore neighbors in need,
failing to recognize my face;
and you have made a cross for your Savior.
Lord, have mercy.

A Moment of Silence

Hymn

Were You There?

UMH 288

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Observe the Cross

On this most somber night, let us intentionally look at the cross. It is finished. Christ has died. There is no more we can do. Let us leave this place covered in our grief. Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord have mercy.

Depart in Silence

You are invited to join us for our Easter Sunrise Service at the Pavilion at the Orchard at Altapass along the Blue Ridge Parkway, this Sunday, April 4, at 7:00 a.m. We also invite you to help flower the church's outside cross, starting at 10:00 a.m., and worship with us at 11:00 a.m.