

Forrest Burdette Memorial United Methodist Church  
Good Friday  
April 14, 2017 • 7:00 p.m.

We Gather to Celebrate New Life in Christ

Prelude "Near the Cross" arr. Franklin Ritter

Call to Worship

Jesus died because of religious people like you and me.

**Religion too easily becomes an act we perform, rather than a way of life to which we commit ourselves.**

Jesus' death destroys any reason to pretend with faith, and it challenges us to take up our cross and follow our Master.

**Our faith is in Christ who forgives us, strengthens us, and calls us into discipleship.**

Hymn No. 297 "Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

Prayer of Confession & Pardon

**Today we are especially conscious of how sinful we are, Father, and how forgiving you are toward us. We are moved to repentance and confession, truly grieved by our sinful behavior. Forgive us for acting religious, when in our hearts we resist the faith we try to portray. Inspire us to surrender our wills to Christ, that his death may bring us into eternal life. In his name we pray. Amen.**

Jesus our Christ has come to a world of sorrow and sin, of sickness and death. He comes to us who need him. He has borne our burdens; he has carried our sorrows. In his broken body he broke sin and death. Believe and rejoice in what he has accomplished: by his wounds we have been healed, and death no longer has dominion. Praise be to God! Amen.

Old Testament Lesson Isaiah 52:13—53:12  
(The Suffering Servant)

UMH No. 752 Psalm 22:1-18

Choir Anthem "Cross of Sorrow, Cross of Love" Schram

Epistle Lesson Hebrews 10:16-25  
(A New Covenant)

Hymn No. 504

"The Old Rugged Cross"

TENEBRAE

The word "Tenebrae" means darkness. This service is marked by the gradual extinguishing of candles, symbolizing the growing darkness that surrounds Jesus as his friends betray and abandon Him. Ultimately, the whole world stands dark as Jesus dies on the cross. However, even in death, the light of Christ remains. The darkness shall never overcome it. Let us walk in the light.

1. Matthew 26:30-46 - Abby Baker  
"Are Ye Able", vs. 1 UMH Hymn No. 530
2. Matthew 26:47-56 - Virginia Clark  
"Are Ye Able", vs. 2
3. Matthew 26:57-75 - Olivia Haught  
"Are Ye Able", vs. 3
4. Matthew 27:1-5 - Hayley Lawman  
"Are Ye Able", vs. 4
5. Matthew 27:6-23 - Sam Clark  
"Were You There", vs. 1 UMH Hymn No. 288
6. Matthew 27:24-31 - Lilian Haught  
"Were You There", vs. 2
7. Matthew 27:32-44 - Lauren Duespohl  
"Were You There", vs. 3
8. Matthew 27:45-50 - Katy Limanen  
"Were You There", vs. 4
9. Matthew 27:51-54 - Abby Mills  
"Were You There", vs. 5

Nailing Your Name to the Cross

You are invited to come forward and nail your name to the cross, giving thanks that by the suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ your sins are forgiven.

Hymn No. 301 "Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross"

Our Lord's Prayer No. 895

Dismissal with Blessing

Depart in Silence

We Scatter to Witness and Serve, Using the Gifts God Gave Us

Offering plates are at the door as you leave tonight. Unless otherwise designated, tonight's offering is for the Good Samaritan Fund, the church's emergency relief fund.

**Assisting in Tonight's Service:**

Pastors..... Ellis E. Conley  
Jeremy Daniels

Choir Director ..... David Shanklin

Organist/Accompanist..... Rachel Ward

Sound Technician..... Jeff Haynes

Media Technician..... Rick Estep

Readers..... Uth Members

**Looking Ahead:**

**Easter Sunday**

April 16

7:00 a.m. Sunrise Worship at Putnam County Park

Large Picnic Pavilion

(David Westfall, FB Uth, is one of the speakers)

8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. Worship at Forrest Burdette