

United Methodist Churches of the Back Mountain Cluster

Good Friday Tenebrae Service – A Service of Darkness

“Paradoxes of the Passion”

April 15, 2022

(* indicates please stand if you are able)

PRELUDE “Meditation on the Cross of Christ” Arr. Don Phillips
Piano: Nancy Evans Organ: Steve Broskoske

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

***OPENING HYMN** “The Old Rugged Cross” #504
Vs. 1, 2 & 3

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Lord, we cry out to You as we find ourselves surrounded by the darkness of sin.

Help us to examine our lives from within, that we might see ourselves as you see us.

Lord, we are mindful this evening of those who crucified Jesus,
as they allow sin to direct their lives.

**Help us to see ourselves in their lives tonight and to realize that we were there
when they nailed him to the cross.**

***UNISON PRAYER**

**Like those who wandered fearfully and hesitantly to the cross, so we gather today, O
suffering God. We are your people, be we, too, like the disciples, have fled in fear or
lingered in the shadows of disappointment and confusion. So, we come now to worship,
stepping out of the shadows, to stand beneath the cross to proclaim with the centurion that
Jesus truly is the Child of God, and to reaffirm that we, too, in spite of our sin, and because
of your grace, are sisters and brothers with Jesus – children of God. Amen.**

SPECIAL MUSIC “The Garden Call” By Brad Nix
Combined Choirs & Violin: Amy Kuiken

PARADOXES OF THE PASSION

The Paradox of Power

Meditation (followed by prayer)
Hymn of Response “Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley” #2112
(Vs. 1 & 2)
(The first candle is extinguished)

The Paradox of Expediency

Special Music Meditation (followed by prayer)
“Lamb of God” By Twila Paris
Youth Choir
(The second candle is extinguished)

The Paradox of Truth

Hymn of Response Meditation (followed by prayer)
“Ah, Holy Jesus” #289
(Vs. 1 & 2)
(The third candle is extinguished)

The Paradox of Mockery

Hymn of Response Meditation (followed by prayer)
“To Mock Your Reign, O Dearest Lord” #285
(Vs. 1 & 3)
(The fourth candle is extinguished)

The Paradox of Judgement

Hymn of Response Meditation (followed by prayer)
“Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me” #361
(Vs. 1 & 3)
(The fifth candle is extinguished)

The Paradox of Salvation

Special Music Meditation (followed by prayer)
“Were You There” By S. Luttrell/A. Sherman
Caitlyn Dunn & Nancy Evans
(The sixth candle is extinguished)

The Paradox of Confession

Special Music Meditation (followed by prayer)
“What Have They Done” By Jay Althouse
Combined Choirs
(The seventh candle is extinguished)

Silent Reflection

Final Scripture Reading

Isaiah 53:2-5

(The slamming of the Bible symbolizes the fulfillment of the prophecy.)

Silent Prayer

The Congregation may depart in silence.

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Participants

Clergy:

Pastor Ken Brown - Alderson UMC, Kunkle UMC and Noxen UMC

Rev. Jon Buxton – Shavertown UMC

Pastor Carrie Granche – Mt. Zion UMC and Orange UMC

Rev. Jay Jones – Trucksville UMC

Rev. Laura Kyler – Lehman-Idetown UMC

Rev. Jim Pall – Maple Grove UMC

Pastor Dave Walker – Dallas UMC

Musicians:

Steve Broskoske-Trucksville UMC

Caitlyn Dunn – Handbells Shavertown UMC

Nancy Evans – Shavertown UMC

Amy Kuiken-Violin Trucksville UMC

Combined Choirs of the Back Mountain Cluster



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