

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
OF **MONTCLAIR & VERONA**



April 2, 2021 +++ Good Friday +++ 7:30 PM

UMH - *United Methodist Hymnal*

Bolded text - said in unison by all

Prelude

Were You There? – David Paxton

Call to Worship

Pastor: On this day we gather to remember Jesus our Savior who loved us and gave himself for us.
Let us draw near in full assurance of God's endless love and mercy.

**All: We give our thanks and praise to Jesus Christ who carries our sorrows,
heals our wounds, and redeems us from sin and death.**

Opening Hymn

Were You There (vs. 1-4)

UMH 288

1 Were you there when they crucified my Lord? (were you there)
Were you there when they crucified my Lord? (were you there)
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they crucified my Lord? (were you there)

2 Were you there when they nailed him to the tree? (were you there)
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree? (were you there)
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree? (were you there)

3 Were you there when they pierced him in the side? (were you there)
Were you there when they pierced him in the side? (were you there)
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they pierced him in the side? (were you there)

4 Were you there when the sun refused to shine? (were you there)
Were you there when the sun refused to shine? (were you there)
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when the sun refused to shine? (were you there)

Opening Prayer

Pastor: Holy One, Author of New Life, open our hearts, minds, and souls to enter again into this sacred journey of Christ's passion and death. Help us walk in the way of Jesus. Help us find our place on this path. Invite our hearts to be moved and our faith to be stirred. In your holy name, we pray. Amen.

The Passion Story according to the Gospel of John

John: the narrator - Dr. Michael Stewart
Jesus - Robert Kelly
The Chief Priests - Nicole Peaks
Peter - Joe Myers
Pontius Pilate - James Morello
a Soldier - David Winful
a Woman - Bobbette Kelly
a Slave - Sarah Nwafor
Soldiers/Chief priests - Michelle Kim

Meditation

"It Is Finished"

Rev. Myungim Kim

Prayer of Confession

Pastor: Lord we have denied you, each time we refused to see you in the faces of the hungry and the homeless.
All: May the old in us pass away and all things become new.
Pastor: Lord we have betrayed you, each time we have kept our distance from the anguish of the oppressed and the persecuted.
All: May the old in us pass away and all things become new.
Pastor: Lord we have mocked you, each time we have pretended we do not know how radically you call us to live.
All: May the old in us pass away and all things become new.
Pastor: Lord we are lost and have strayed, welcome us into your forgiving arms and make us new.
All: All merciful One, God of infinite love and compassion, though we have strayed, you have never abandoned us. In this season of repentance, we come confessing our sins and reaching out for the healing power of your forgiveness. Through Christ

**our Lord, give us renewed and truthful hearts that will follow you in all of our ways.
Amen.** (All are invited to take a moment of confession in silence)

Responsive Hymn

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

UMH 298

1 When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.

2 Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast save in the death of Christ, my God!
All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them through his blood.

3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down.
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?

4 Were the whole realm of nature mine that were a present far too small.
Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

Assurance of Pardon

Pastor: Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

All: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Amen.

Closing Hymn

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

UMH 297

1 Beneath the cross of Jesus I fain would take my stand,
the shadow of a mighty Rock within a weary land;
a home within the wilderness, a rest upon the way,
from the burning of the noontide heat and the burden of the day.

2 Upon the cross of Jesus mine eye at times can see
the very dying form of One who suffered there for me:
and from my stricken heart with tears two wonders I confess,
the wonders of redeeming love and my unworthiness.

3 I take, O cross, thy shadow for my abiding place:
I ask no other sunshine than the sunshine of his face;
content to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss;
my sinful self my only shame, my glory all the cross.

Dismissal

Postlude

"Ah, Holy Jesus" – Arr: Lani Smith