



Good Friday

Good Shepherd United Methodist Church
April 15, 2022 12:00 am Order of Worship

Prelude: *Sarabande*, G. Handel

Dr. Larisa Soboleva, Music Director

Greeting

Call to Worship

Worship Leader

Leader: Come, let us gather again in the shadow of the Cross of Christ.

People: We gather to remember the overwhelming evidence of Love's ultimate sacrifice.

Leader: Who would have guessed that the height and depth, the length and width of God's love might look like this: a forsaken savior on a cross?

People: Certainly not us. Not us, who are too often lost amid the world's distractions and responsibilities. Not us, for whom such love was offered without cost.

People: Let us gather again in the shadow of the Cross of Christ and commit ourselves to remember the price paid. Let us live our lives in a way that indicates why this Friday is called "Good."

People: Thanks be to God, who opened the gates of heaven, that we might have the faith, hope, and love, witnessed in Christ's sacrifice for our salvation.

Hymn *Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed* #294

congregation may sing

Opening Prayer

Worship Leader

O God of infinite love and power, we gather together on this Good Friday to reflect on the passion of the Christ. We are utterly humbled in the presence of such love and mercy. Open our hearts this day to the goodness of Good Friday, and fill us with your love and powerful Spirit of Holiness. Remove from us all sin. Offer us anew this Life in Christ that makes all things new. Amen.

First Lesson: Isaiah 52:13-53:12

Worship Leader

Responsive Reading of Psalm 22:1-18 page 752 in the hymnal

Worship Leader

Hymn: *Lamb of God* #2113 FWS

congregation may sing

Gospel Lesson: John 19 (a dramatic reading)

Meditation on *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

Rev. Stephen K. Perrine

Hymn: *Were You There* #288

congregation may sing

Prayers of the People (prayer concerns shared spontaneously)

Congregational Response: *Lord hear our prayer*

The Lord's Prayer

Benediction

Postlude: *Where You There*, spiritual

All depart in silence