

**Fenwick United Church**

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**April 18, 2025**

**Good Friday**

**GATHERING**

PRELUDE: "Erbarm Dich, O Herre Gott" – J.S. Bach (*organ and cello*)

WORDS OF WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

\***GATHERING HYMN VU 136:** "O Come and Mourn With Me Awhile"

**CALL TO WORSHIP:** (*responsively*)

On this Good Friday,  
we contemplate the gospel of the cross:  
how Christ our Lord stretched out his arms  
to embrace a world of suffering and sin;  
how Christ our Lord stretched out his arms to save us.

Come and see the beloved Son of God.

**He is high and lifted up.**

Come and see the Ruler of the nations.

**He is high and lifted up.**

Come and see the Saviour of the world.

**He is high and lifted up—upon a cross.**

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

**GATHERING PRAYER:** (*in unison*)

**Lord God, on this haunting holy day**  
**we come to the place of the skull,**  
**the place of the cross,**  
**the place of our salvation.**

**In the face of such suffering,**  
**show us the face of our Saviour.**

**In the shadow of such evil,**  
**show us the light of your grace.**

**Holy God,**  
**as we bow our heads beneath the cross**  
**pour out your Holy Spirit upon us**  
**to testify to the truth**  
**so that we may believe;**  
**this we pray through Jesus Christ,**  
**your Word made flesh. Amen.**

CHOIR ANTHEM: "Deep, Deep Love" – *Frombach/Dengler*

A LITURGICAL READING OF THE PASSION part 1 – *Doug Wilford*

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: "Song From a Secret Garden" – *R. Loveland*  
*(piano and cello)*

A LITURGICAL READING OF THE PASSION part 2 – *Rev Gordon Crossfield*

**HYMN VU 142:** "Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross" (seated)

A LITURGICAL READING OF THE PASSION part 3 – *Rev Martha Lockwood*

**HYMN VU 135:** "Beneath the Cross of Jesus" (seated)

A LITURGICAL READING OF THE PASSION part 4 – *Rev Garry van Bruchem*

CHOIR ANTHEM: "No Rose Bloomed in Gethsemane" – *P. Martin*

A LITURGICAL READING OF THE PASSION part 5 – *Dr Nancy Francis*

EXTINGUISHING THE CHRIST CANDLE

**HYMN VU 152:** "There Is a Green Hill Far Away" (seated)

**PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE:** (*responsively*)

Redeeming God, we cry out to you  
for the suffering of the world.

We pray for the church, both near and far,  
**that we may always be on the side of the oppressed**  
**and not the oppressors.**

We pray for the gift of faith,  
**that we may put our trust in you,**  
**even in times of suffering.**  
 And so we pray for those who suffer,  
**that they may feel your presence with them.**  
 We pray for the earth,  
**too often crucified by our folly and selfishness.**  
 We pray for the Mary Magdalenes  
 and Joseph of Arimatheas of this world  
**who care for those who struggle**  
**and for those who are dying,**  
**that, through us, you may strengthen them in their service.**  
 We pray for all who wrestle with their faith,  
**struggling to know if you are with them,**  
**that your face will not be hidden from them.**  
 We pray for all the nations of the earth,  
**that their people may turn toward you and find peace.**  
 We pray as the followers of Jesus Christ  
 who taught us to say together....

**Our Father...**

**\*CLOSING HYMN VU 151: "Lift High the Cross"**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*3-FOLD AMEN**

POSTLUDE: "God So Loved the World" – *J. Stainer (cello)*

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We welcome Marcela Lagunas  
 and thank her for her Ministry of Music.

We also welcome George Cleland and Aaron Albano  
 and their church choirs.

We invite everyone to join us downstairs in the hall  
 for refreshments after the service.

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## Good Friday Service



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