

**Mount Vernon Place United Methodist Church, Washington, D.C.**

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**A Service of the Stations of the Cross**

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**Prelude** Timothy Nelson, Director of Music

**Welcome** Donna Claycomb Sokol, Pastor

**+ Call to Worship from Psalm 118-19-29** Grace Rogers, Ministry Intern

One: Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.

**All: This is the LORD's gate; the righteous shall enter through it.**

One: I will give thanks because you have answered me. You have become my salvation.

**All: The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.**

One: This has come from the LORD.

**All: It is marvelous in our eyes.**

One: This is the day on which the Lord has acted.

**All: Let us shout with joy and rejoice in it.**

One: Please, save us, O LORD! Please!

**All: O LORD, please bring success!**

One: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD.

**All: We bless you from the house of the LORD.**

One: The LORD is God

**All: He has given us light. With cords bind the festival sacrifice to the horns of the altar.**

One: You are my God, and I will give thanks to you.

**All: You are my God, I will extol you.**

One: O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good.

**All: For his steadfast love endures forever.**

**Hymn**

***Beneath the Cross of Jesus***

*No. 297, The United Methodist Hymnal, vv. 1-2*

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.

Upon that 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.

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Station 1: Pilate Condemns Jesus to Die (Matthew 27:11-14, 24, 26b)**

Lee Schriber, Minister of Engagement and Discipleship

Kim Burns, Seminarian



**Hymn**

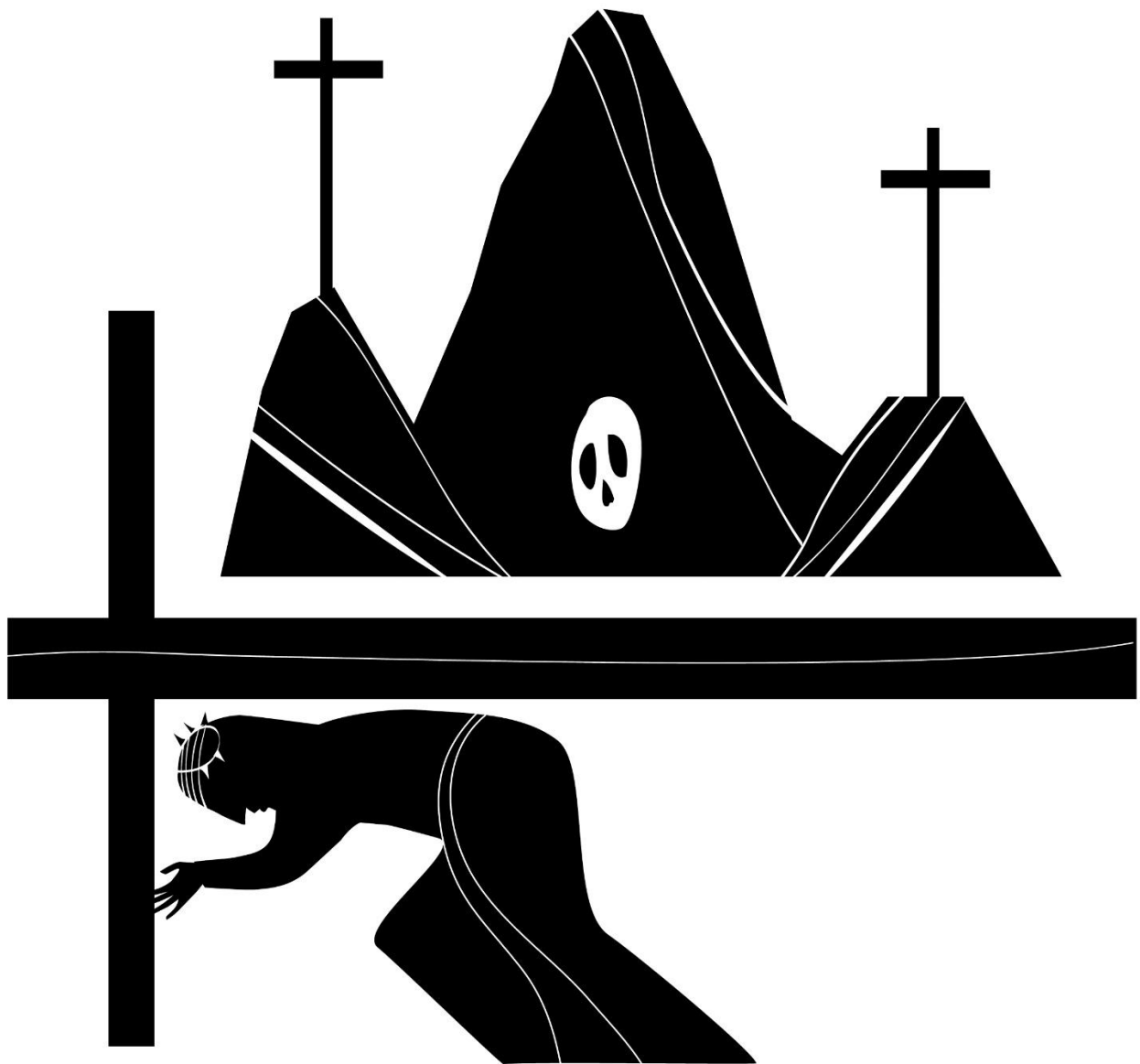
***Go to Dark Gethsemane***

*No. 290, The United Methodist Hymnal, vv. 1-2*

Go to dark Gethsemane,  
ye that feel the tempter's power;  
your Redeemer's conflict see,  
watch with him one bitter hour.  
Turn not from his griefs away;  
learn of Jesus Christ to pray.

See him at the judgment hall,  
beaten, bound, reviled, arraigned;  
O the wormwood and the gall!  
O the pangs his soul sustained!  
Shun not suffering, shame, or loss;  
learn of Christ to bear the cross.

**Station 2: Jesus Accepts His Cross (Matthew 27:27-31)**



Instrumental Music

*Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone?*

Station 3: Simon Helps Carry the Cross (Mark 15:21)



Hymn

***Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone?***

*No. 424, The United Methodist Hymnal, vv. 1, 3*

Must Jesus bear the cross alone,  
and all the world go free?

No, there's a cross for everyone,  
and there's a cross for me.

The consecrated cross I'll bear  
till death shall set me free;  
and then go home my crown to wear,  
for there's a crown for me.

**Station 4: Jesus Speaks to the Women (Luke 23:27-31)**



Special Music

*Via Dolorosa*

Station 5: Jesus Is Stripped of His Garments (John 19:23-25a)



Hymn

***O Love Divine, What Hast Thou Done?***

*No. 287, The United Methodist Hymnal*

O Love divine, what has thou done!  
The immortal God hath died for me!

The Father's coeternal Son  
bore all my sins upon the tree.

The immortal God hath died for me!  
My Lord, my Love, is crucified!

Is crucified for me and you,  
to bring us rebels back to God.

Believe, believe the record true,  
ye all are bought with Jesus' blood.

Pardon for all flows from his side:  
My Lord, my Love, is crucified!

Behold him, all ye that pass by,  
the bleeding Prince of life and peace!

Come, sinners, see your Savior die,  
and say, "Was ever grief like his?"

Come, feel with me his blood applied:  
My Lord, my Love, is crucified!



**Station 6: Jesus Is Nailed to the Cross (Mark 15:23-32)**



Hymn

***Were You There?***

*No. 288, The United Methodist Hymnal, vv. 1-2*

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)

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)

**Station 7: Jesus Cares for His Mother (John 19:25b-27)**



Instrumental Music

*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

Station 8: Jesus Dies on the Cross (Mark 15:33-39)



Hymn

*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

*No. 298, The United Methodist Hymnal*

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.

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 to his blood.

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?

Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
that were an offering far too small;  
love so amazing, so divine,  
demands my soul, my life, my all.

**Dismissal with Invitation to Leave in Silence**

