

# *Welcome to Worship!*

Good Friday

March 30, 2018, 7pm



## *“Forgiveness”*

*At First United Methodist Church, Lent has been a celebration of the ‘springtime of the soul.’ We’ve been looking at virtues that we want to cultivate in our lives so that our faith will grow in a sustainable way.*

*Tonight we look at how to grow in our capacity for forgiveness.*

*“Then Jesus said, ‘Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.’ And they cast lots to divide his clothing.” (Luke 23:34)*



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### **Helping People 'Say Yes' to God**

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*Welcome to worship at First UMC Baraboo. Our mission is 'Helping people 'Say Yes' to God. "Do no harm, do all the good you can and stay in love with God" are the three simple rules we seek to live by. Children are always welcome in worship; 'busy bags' are available just outside the door to fellowship hall. Our staffed nursery is available for children infants thru age five.*

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Prelude

"The Sorrowing Savior" (J.W. Kenney)

Variations on "Were You There?"

*Charlene Flygt, Worship Musician*

Ringing of the Bell

Welcome

†Call to Worship

So they took Jesus, and he went out carrying his own cross,  
to the place of a skull, called in Hebrew, Golgotha.

There they crucified him.

This is not a day for mourning but for awe,  
wonder, love and gratitude.

**All you who bow in reverence, praise Him.**

**All you daughters of faith, glorify him.**

**All you sons of faith, stand in awe before him.**

†Hymn

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

*The U.M. Hymnal #298*

Opening Prayer

*A cradle and a cross, and between these, a life,*

*Bethlehem and Jerusalem, a birth and a death,*

*One "of sorrows", who often wept,*

*One of joy who also kept,*

*Sensitivity and compassion, alive and real,*

*God, today let us feel,*

*The surge of that life, the beauty of that love,*

*The power of that cross as we pray the words Jesus gave us...*

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Reading from the Psalms Psalm 31:1-16  
*The U.M. Hymnal, p. 764 (sung response #1)*

Reading from the Christian Scripture Luke 22:54-62

†Hymn “O Sacred Head Now Wounded”  
*The U.M. Hymnal #286*

Reading from the Christian Scripture Luke 23:26-43  
The Word of God for the people of God.  
**Thanks be to God!**

Sermon “Forgiveness”

Prayer of Confession *The U.M. Hymnal #893*

Personal Prayer for Forgiveness and Letting Go

*You are invited to use the insert as a prompt for your prayer and meditation. If you choose, you may fill out the sheet provided and place it on the table as you exit the sanctuary. These pieces of paper will be burned later tonight and the ashes placed in the church rain garden.*

Good Friday Litany (Rev. M. Ashley Grant)

Lord, when we feel sorry for ourselves and think we have sacrificed so much for others,

**Remind us of what you did for us on the cross.**

Lord, when our patience wears thin and we are ready to give up,

**Speak to us through the example of your endurance on the cross.**

Lord, when we get angry and feel like fighting back against those who would be our enemies,

**Help us remember your words to your enemies from the cross, “Father forgive.”**

Lord, whenever we suffer in any way,

**Keep us near the cross.**

Lord, when we are afraid to stand up for what is true and honorable,

**Strengthen us with the courage with which you went to the cross.**

Lord, when we come to the times of death,

**Uphold us with the assurance that life did not end for you on the cross.**

***Fill us with the hope of resurrection and new life which your cross continues to teach us each day. Amen.***

†Hymn

“What Wondrous Love is This?”  
*The U.M. Hymnal #292*

Closing Words

*We came overwhelmed by the depth of Jesus' love for us, and his commitment to defeat evil, even when that meant his own suffering and his own death. In his willingness to make us righteous, he poured himself out to death, even death on a cross,*

**and so, in response to such love and sacrifice, we recommit ourselves as his disciples to overcome evil with good, suffering with wholeness, and oppression with justice.**

**In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

Choral Anthem

“When You Prayed Beneath the Trees”  
(Christopher Idle and Lloyd Larson)  
*Ecumenical Combined Choir, Charlene Flygt (director)*

All are invited to depart quietly.

† = Please rise if you are able

**SERVING YOU TODAY...**

Pastors.....

Marianne Cotter, First United Methodist Church

Doug Fauth, First Congregational United Church of Christ

Lisa Taylor, First Presbyterian Church

Greeters/Ushers..... Gary Crawford & Tim O’Keefe

A/V Powerpoint & Booth .....Mike Hanson & Michael Lutz

Worship Music .....Charlene Flygt

*Thank you to the choir for providing special music!*