A SERVICE *of* DARKNESS *for* GOOD FRIDAY

Based upon the Gospel *of* Luke
April 3, 2026
7:00p.m.

PRELUDE *"What Wondrous Love Is This?"* **Angerman**
Deborah Benedict, *Director of Music*

CALL *to* WORSHIP **Pastor Deborah Port**

***HYMN #297** *"Beneath the Cross of Jesus"*

***THE PRAYER *of* PRAISE** **Rev. Randall G. Bennett, Jr.**

ONE: Let us pray.
ALL: Almighty Father:
Amid the darkness of sin and death,
the Everlasting Light of Your Son Jesus Christ bursts forth.
As we ponder His Passion,
seeing Jesus lifted high upon the cross,
Equip us to embrace the glory
we have received through His death and resurrection:
A salvation that we cannot earn,
but was freely given us by you.
May we, like Jesus, take up our cross and follow Him.
All this we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Please be seated following the prayer.

LESSON #1 *Jesus, Betrayed, Arrested, and Denied* **Luke 22:47-62**
Pastor Deborah Port

ANTHEM *"They Took My Lord Away"* **Hannibal/Nolan**
April Pellegrini, Corvé Ransom, Rob Hollenbach, Randy Bennett

LESSON #2 *Jesus Mocked and Beaten* **Luke 22:63-71**
Rob Hollenbach

HYMN #285 *"To Mock Your Reign, O Dearest Lord"*
All Verses

LESSON #3 *Jesus before Pilate and Herod* **Luke 23:1-12**
April Pellegrini

HYMN #289 *"Ah, Holy Jesus"*
Verses 1 & 2

LESSON #4 *Jesus Sentenced to Death* **Luke 23:13-25**
Rev. Randall Bennett

HYMN #286 *"O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"*
Verses 1 & 3

LESSON #5 *Jesus Crucified* **Luke 23:26-43**
Corvé Ransom

ANTHEM *"Thief"* **Powell**
Rob Hollenbach

LESSON #6 *Jesus Dies in the Darkness* **Luke 23:44-49**
Rev. Randall Bennett

HYMN #288 *"Were You There"*
Verses 1 & 4

LESSON #7 *Jesus Buried by Joseph of Arimathea* **Luke 23:50-56**
Pastor Deborah Port

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BENEDICTION **Pastor Deborah Port**
There will be no sung benediction response tonight.
Please exit the sanctuary in silence.

Easter Day: April 5th

- Sunrise Service at Woodlawn Memorial Gardens at 6:30a.m.
- Sanctuary Worship at 8:30a.m. and 11:00a.m. including Holy Communion, Sermon, and Children's Sermon. The 8:30a.m. Service will be Livestreamed.
- Sunday School at 9:45a.m. for Preschool, Elementary, and Youth Classes. Our Faith Weaver Class will also meet.
- Nursery Care will be provided for Worship and Sunday School.