



First United Methodist Church  
Tenth Street United Methodist Church  
Thrall United Methodist Church

April 2, 2021, 6:30 P.M.  
Good Friday Worship Service  
On the Lawn

First United Methodist Church  
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# First United Methodist Church

*Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors.*

Welcome! Thank you for worshiping with us this evening. Whether you are a first-time visitor or long-time member, we're glad you are here. (\* Stand, if able.)

## **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Rev. Sela Finau

### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP (Respond in Bold)**

On this day we gather to remember Jesus our Savior who loved us and gave himself for us.

Let us draw near in full assurance of God's endless love and mercy.

**We give our thanks and praise to Jesus Christ  
who carries our sorrows,  
heals our wounds,  
and redeems us from sin and death.**

### **GATHERING WORDS**

(Based on Isaiah 52:13-53:12)

For us, he was despised, hated, unrecognizable and ridiculed.

For us, he was wounded that we may be whole and healed.

For us, he followed like a gentle lamb to be slaughtered in silence.

For us, he poured out himself to fill those who thirst.

For Christ, we mourn.

### **\*HYMN**

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

UMH # 298

1. 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.

2. 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.

3. 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?

4. 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.

### **A BIDDING PRAYER**

Rev. Sela Finau

(Based on Psalm 22:1-15)

Petition 1: For the times and situations when we cry out, “Where are you God?”

(Silence)

Response: “Lord, you are merciful.”/ **“My God, you are.”**

Petition 2: For the persons in this church community—their joys, and their grief...

(Silence)

Response: “Lord, you are merciful.”/ **“My God, you are.”**

Petition 3: For the community...

(Silence)

Response: “Lord, you are merciful.”/ **“My God, you are.”**

Petition 4: For the world...

(Silence)

Response: “Lord you are merciful.”/ **“My God, you are.”**

Petition 5: For church leaders...

Response: “Lord you are merciful”/ **“My God, you are.”**

Petition 6: For the people who, over the years, have invited us to sit at their feet, the ones who have helped us grow into the people we have become. We give you thanks for the ways that we have been allowed to soak in their wisdom.

(Silence)

Response: “Lord you are merciful.”/ **“My God, you are.”**

**The Lord's Prayer** *(In unison)*

“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 who 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”

**\*HYMN**

“Were You There”

UMH # 288

1. Were you there when they crucified my Lord?  
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?  
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

2. Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?  
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?  
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

3. Were you there when they pierced him in the side?  
Were you there when they pierced him in the side?  
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when they pierced him in the side?

4. Were you there when the sun refused to shine?  
Were you there when the sun refused to shine?  
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when the sun refused to shine?

5. Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?  
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?  
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Tiffany Charles

(Based on John 18:15-18, 25-27; 19:1-3)

“Will you lay down your life for me?

Very truly, I tell you, before the cock crows,  
you will have denied me three times.” John 13:38

Lord we have denied you,

Each time we refused to see you in the faces of the hungry and the homeless.

**May the old in us pass away and all things become new.**

Lord we have betrayed you,

Each time we have kept our distance

from the anguish of the oppressed and the persecuted.

**May the old in us pass away and all things become new.**

Lord we have mocked you,

Each time we have pretended we do not know how radically you call us to live.

**May the old in us pass away and all things become new.**

Lord we are lost and have strayed,

Welcome us into your forgiving arms and make us new.

**May the old in us pass away and all things become new.**

All merciful One, God of infinite love and compassion, though we have strayed, you have never abandoned us. In this season of repentance, we come confessing our sins and reaching out for the healing power of your forgiveness. Through Christ our Lord, give us renewed and truthful hearts that will follow you in all of our ways. Amen

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Ginger Whitaker

Hear us, God. We have taken the power of the persecution and crucifixion of the Lamb for granted. We have dropped the ball with the praise we don't give, the love we don't share with others, and what we don't forgive. We have tried to use God instead of allowing God to use us. This is repenting hour. We commit to redirect our will in alignment with the will of the Great I Am. In the matchless name of Jesus, we pray for forgiveness and pardon. Amen.

**SERMON**

“Bad Friday”

Rev. Dr. Travis Summerlin

**\*HYMN**

“Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross”

UMH # 301

1. Jesus, keep me near the cross, there a precious fountain;  
free to all, a healing stream, Flows from Calvary's mountain.

Refrain: In the cross, in the cross, be my glory ever,  
till my raptured soul shall find rest beyond the river.

2. Near the cross, a trembling soul, love and mercy found me;  
there the Bright and Morning Star shed its beams around me. [Refrain]

3. Near the cross! O lamb of God, bring its scenes before me;  
help me walk from day to day with its shadow o'er me. [Refrain]

4. Near the cross! I'll watch and wait, hoping, trusting ever;  
till I reach the golden strand, just beyond the river. [Refrain]

**\*BENEDICTION**

Rev. Sela Finau

(Based on Isaiah 53: 6; John 19: 30)

Jesus, we wait here by your tomb  
carrying our grief;  
the grief of the betrayer,  
the grief of the denier,  
the grief of the crucifiers.

We carry the grief of the lost,  
the heartbroken, the bereft.  
Upon you was laid the grief of us all.  
It is finished.

God of endings, God of darkness,  
God of the tomb, God of dark days and great loss,  
be with us now as we wait with Jesus.

*You are invited to join us on Resurrection Sunday*

*Easter Egg Hunt*

*10:00 A.M.*

*Worship Service*

*10:30 A.M.*

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2. Mail a check to FUMC, P.O. Box 530, Taylor, Texas 76574.
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**WORSHIP LEADERS**

Rev. Sela Finau, Pastor FUMC Taylor

Rev. Dr. Travis Summerlin, Pastor Tenth Street UMC and Thrall UMC

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