



*Allen Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church*  
*First United Methodist Church*  
*Tenth Street United Methodist Church*  
*Thrall United Methodist Church*

## GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

6:30 P.M.

April 15, 2022

# Good Friday Worship Service

April 15, 2022- 6:30 P.M.

*\*Please stand if you are able.*

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Bunnie Stark

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

Rev. Sela Finau

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**

“On A Hill Far Away”

AMEH # 143

1. On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross,  
The emblem of suffering and shame;  
And I love that old cross where the dearest and best  
For a world of lost sinners was slain. [Refrain]

Refrain: So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,  
Till my trophies at last I lay down;  
I will cling to the old rugged cross,  
And exchange it some day for a crown.

2. O that old rugged cross, so despised by the world,  
Has a wondrous attraction for me;  
For the dear Lamb of God left His glory above  
To bear it to dark Calvary. [Refrain]

3. In that old rugged cross, stained with blood so divine,  
A wondrous beauty I see,  
For 'twas on that old cross Jesus suffered and died,  
To pardon and sanctify me. [Refrain]

4. To the old rugged cross I will ever be true;  
Its shame and reproach gladly bear;  
Then He'll call me some day to my home far away,  
Where His glory forever I'll share. [Refrain]

### **A BIDDING PRAYER**

Rev. Travis Summerlin, Ph.D.

(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 countries at war, Ukraine and Russia...

(Silence)

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

Petition 5: For world leaders...

(Silence)

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

Petition 6: For the world...

(Silence)

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

Petition 7: For church leaders...

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

Petition 8: 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

**"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"

AMEH # 136

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

Rev. Kathleen Amboree

(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

Sister Janie Scott

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.

**SCRIPTURE**

Matthew 27:45-52

Rev. Travis Summerlin, Ph.D.

**SERMON**

“This Is No Ordinary Death”

Rev. Bunnie Stark

**\*HYMN**

“Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross”

AMEH # 321

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  
Resurrection Sunday  
April 17, 2022

**Allen Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church**

516 Elliott Street, Taylor, Texas 76574  
Worship Service 10:30 A.M.

**First United Methodist Church**

907 W. Lake Drive, Taylor, Texas 76574  
Easter Egg Hunt 10:00 A.M.  
Worship Service 10:30 A.M.

**Tenth Street United Methodist Church**

410 W. 10th Street, Taylor, Texas 76574  
Worship Service 10:30 A.M.

**Thrall United Methodist Church**

201 Sheldon Street, Thrall, Texas 78678  
Worship Service 9:00 A.M.

### **WORSHIP LEADERS**

Rev. Bunnie Stark, Pastor Allen Chapel AME Church

Rev. Sela Finau, Pastor FUMC Taylor

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

Rev. Kathleen Amboree & Sister Janie Scott, Liturgists

Sister Karen McKnight of St. Annie AME Church, Pianist

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#### **Ash Wednesday Worship**

Wednesday, March 2, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

Tenth Street United Methodist Church

410 W. 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Taylor, Texas 76574

#### **Maundy Thursday Worship**

Thursday, April 14, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

First United Methodist Church

907 W. Lake Drive, Taylor, Texas 76574

#### **Good Friday Worship**

Friday, April 15, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

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