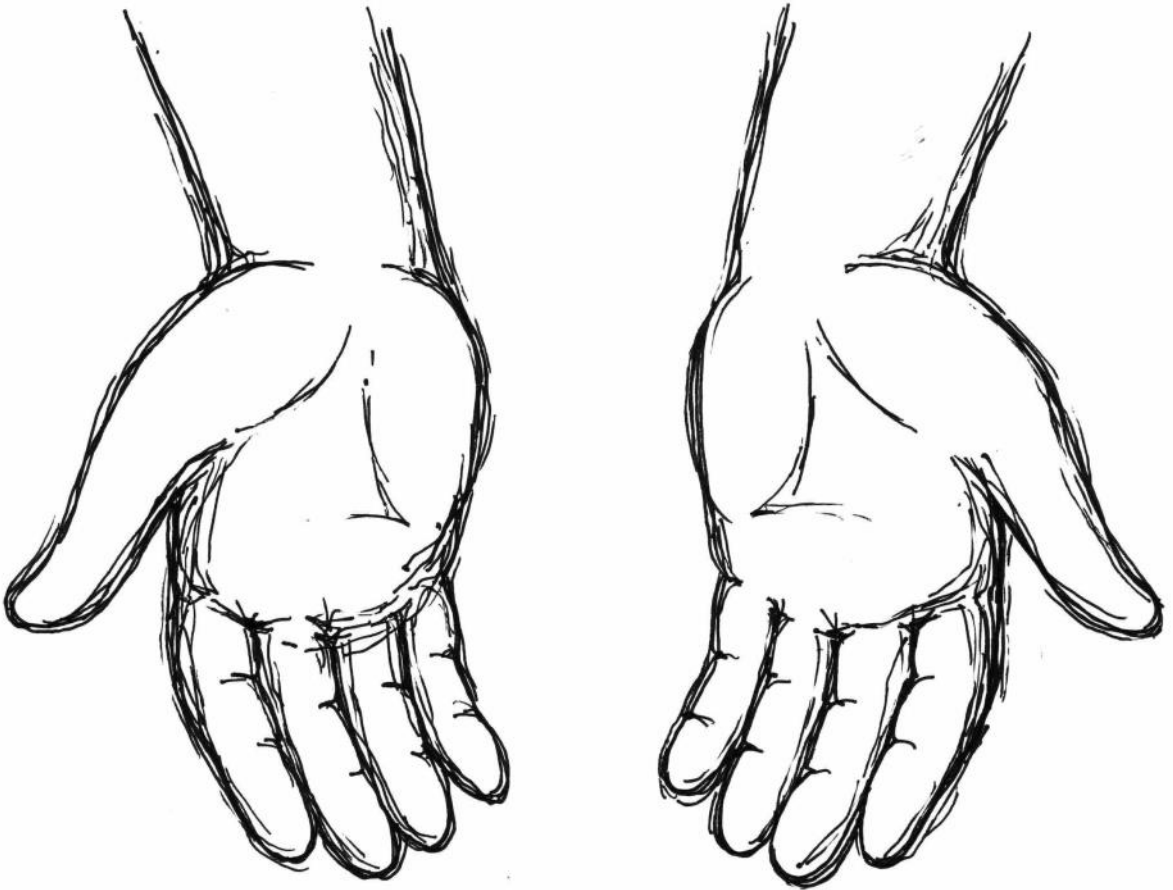


Good Friday
March 29, 2024



first congregational
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
timeless worship + modern faith

GOOD FRIDAY

March 29, 2024

7:00 pm

PRELUDE

“Pie Jesu”
by Mary Lynn Lightfoot

One Accord

WELCOME

Sharon Benton

CALL TO WORSHIP

by Michelle Torigian

Sharon Benton

One: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

All: Why are you so far from helping me?

One: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

All: Why are you so distant from my groaning?

One: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

All: In the midst of our tears, you do not answer.

One: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

All: Even in the shades of shelter, I find no rest.

**Rise in body or spirit*

SONG

“Lay Me Low”

Lay me low, _____ where your love can find me. _____ Lay me

low, _____ where your love can hold me. _____ Lay me

low, _____ where your love can bless me. _____ Lay me

low, _____ Love, lay me low. Lay me

Text: Shaker traditional
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WORDS OF GRACE

by Michelle Torigian

Sharon Benton

Even when we abide in Gesthemenes and Golgathas and can't see the presence of the Divine, God still abides with us. God's grace extends to us. May the soothing love and grace of God bring us peace even in valleys, gardens, and hills of shadows, and may we see hope for the future beyond the gloom.

*HYMN 515 (black hymnal)

“O God, My God”
verses 1, 2, 4

O GOD MY GOD

COMMUNITY PRAYER

by Michelle Torigian

God of the Fearful and Grieving,

Faith's eclipse of light has overtaken our souls. The darkness sits with us as a companion on this part of the journey as we retreat into our spirits. Confusion, exhaustion, tears, and aches become part of the story. Even in these stories, we will find solace. Even when the glances of neighbors pierce our hearts and their words swirl around in our minds, may your peace alleviate any anxiety. Amen.

THE OFFICE OF TENEBRAE

The Latin word tenebrae means shadows.

Following each reading, we'll hold silence as a candle is extinguished

to symbolize the movement of our emotions into a shadowy place,

acknowledging that life has moments of pain and loss.

The service is left unfinished, recognizing that there is still more to come...

JESUS AT TABLE AND PRAYER

Mark 14:17-21; 32-42

David Fayram

A candle is extinguished.

HYMN 219 (black hymnal)

"Journey to Gethsemane"
verses 1, 2

REDHEAD No. 76

JESUS ARRESTED

Mark 14:43-52
A candle is extinguished.

Katie Gillham

HYMN 223 (black hymnal)

“What Wondrous Love Is This?”
verses 1, 2

WONDROUS LOVE

JESUS ON TRIAL

Mark 14:53-65
A candle is extinguished.

Jordan Sandoval

HYMN 226 (black hymnal)

“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”
verses 1, 2

PASSION CHORALE

JESUS CRUCIFIED

Mark 15:22-37
A candle is extinguished.

Joy Brown

HYMN 229 (black hymnal)

“Were You There?”
verses 1-3

WERE YOU THERE

JESUS BURIED

Mark 15:22-37
A candle is extinguished.

Dick Porter

SONG

“Where Peace Has Always Been”
by Michael John Trotta

One Accord

WE DEPART IN SILENCE

*Love continues with you into the tomb of Holy Saturday...
and into resurrection*

Thank you to our guest pianist Maria Horja.

Easter Sunday at First Congregational Church

- Easter Sunrise Service: **March 31, 6:30 am** (Bloedel Donovan Park)
- Easter Celebration Service: **March 31, 10:00 am**
- Easter Egg Hunt: **March 31, 11:15 am** (Cornwall Tot Lot)

ROOM FOR YOUR REFLECTIONS

Open and Affirming (ONA): As an Open and Affirming congregation believing in a loving God, all people are welcome in this church without regard to gender, race, ethnicity, economic or social status, sexual orientation, or gender identity.

We Try To Use Language which will help people feel included in our worship. Since not everyone is comfortable with the same language, we invite you to amend the words of the service as we sing and pray if they do not adequately express your faith. We invite you to assist us in creating new expressions of our common faith and life together.

Technical Support: If you need help streaming our worship services or connecting in other ways, please let us know.

APPOINTMENTS WITH PASTORAL STAFF

Pastoral staff are available by appointment virtually, or in person.

Contact them by email or call the pastoral care line, 360-733-4255.

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You can also email our Office Manager Cydne at **office@fccb.net** and she'll pass your message on.

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