

GOOD FRIDAY

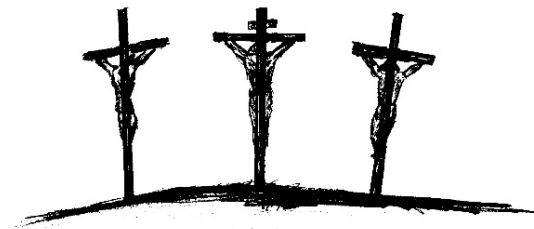
HE WAS DELIVERED OVER
TO DEATH **FOR OUR SINS**
AND WAS **RAISED TO LIFE**
FOR OUR JUSTIFICATION.
ROMANS 4:25



THE FARMINGDALE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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April 3, 2026
7:00 pm

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Rev. Catherine Schuyler, Pastor
David Majoros, D.M.A., Director of Music
Lois Muller, Liturgist

GATHERING

What Wondrous Love Is This, USA Folk Hymn

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

O Love divine, what has thou done?

The immortal God has died for me.

The Father's co-eternal Son

Bore all my sins upon the tree.

The immortal God for me has died.

My Lord, my Love is crucified.

***HYMN**

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

UMH# 297

***INVOCATION**

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 23:32-34

SILENCE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Father, forgive us. Forgive us for our complicity in fear, injustice, and hatred, for Jesus was executed by people like us, people who were afraid of something new which seemed to threaten their access to power and their way of life; people who were willing to overlook what was right in deference to what was expedient. Help us to recognize the new things you are doing in the world today, O Lord, and challenge us to see you where you are present in our lives.

Forgive us, too, O Holy One, for our hardness of heart in forgiving others. In Jesus Christ we see and hear your way of forgiveness, yet we choose to linger over our anger and to nurse our grudges, even, sometimes especially, with those whom we are closest to. Free us from the hold of false pride and of our need to prove we are right. Give us the will and the courage to mend relationships with love and forgiveness. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SCRIPTURE READING
SILENCE

Luke 23:39-43

SONG

Jesus, Remember Me

UMH# 488

SCRIPTURE READING
SILENCE

John 19:25b-27

BIDDING PRAYER

(people are welcome to speak names aloud during the periods of silence.)

Loving God, we give you thanks that you have surrounded us with love in our lives. We pray now for all those whom you have given us to love:

For members of our families. . .

For close friends. . .

For members of our church. . .

For acquaintances we see around town and for our coworkers. . .

For old friends whom we have lost touch with. . .

For people we are in conflict with. . .

Gracious God, we offer our relationships with all the people we have named before you into your loving arms, confident that your power and love will still renew and re-form them into deeper and truer reflections of the love in which you call us to live. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING
SILENCE

Mark 15:34

PSALTER

Psalm 22

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SCRIPTURE READING
SILENCE

John 19:28

UNISON PRAYER

Loving God, Jesus' cry of thirst is heard around our world today. There are thousands of our sisters and brothers who are hungry, thirsty, homeless, sick and in prison, while we live lives of plenty. Open our eyes to the suffering around us, Lord, and pierce our hearts with compassion that we might act as your hands to relieve the pain in the lives of so many. Make us thirsty for real and lasting justice throughout our world, for we remember that Jesus proclaimed that those who hunger and thirst for justice shall be filled. May your kingdom come, Lord, and may we be active participants in its coming. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING
SILENCE

John 19:30

ANTHEM

Cross of Jesus, Cross of Sorrow, American Hymn/ arr. Scott The Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE READING
SILENCE

Luke 23:44-46

UNISON PRAYER

O God, you have ordered this wonderful world and know all things in earth and in heaven. Give us such faith that by day and by night, at all times and in all places, we may without fear commit ourselves and those dear to us to your never-failing love, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

RESPONSE

Kyrie Eleison (Lord, Have Mercy)

UMH# 2275

PRAYER VIGIL AT THE CROSS

***HYMN**

The Old Rugged Cross

UMH# 504

***ENTRANCE OF THE CROSS**

As the cross is carried in, the following words are spoken three times.

Behold, the wood of the cross –

the cross on which our Savior died.

SILENT MEDITATION

During Silent Meditation and The Reproaches, worshippers are invited to come forward informally to kneel in prayer near the cross. Touching the wood of the cross can be a powerful help in prayer.

THE REPROACHES

After each reproach, worshippers sing

Holy God 215

Ho - ly God. Ho - ly and Might - y.

Ho - ly and Im - mor - tal One, have mer - cy up-on us.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

***HYMN**

Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross

UMH# 301

***BENEDICTION**

Thank you for worshiping with us this evening.
If you wish, you may place an offering in the plate as you leave.