

Good Friday Service
March 29, 2024
7:00pm



Pastor Peter Choi
Minden United Methodist Church
340 North Newell Avenue
Minden, NE 68959

Prelude & Candle Lighting

Call to Worship

L: We gather tonight in the shadow of the cross.

P: Evil abounds. Jesus goes forth to suffer and die.

L: How we tremble with fear!

P: How we weep.

L: Why have we forsaken Him?

P: Why have we betrayed and run from his Passion?

L: Lord, have mercy upon us.

P: Christ, have mercy upon us.

Word of Welcome

Hymn “Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed” UMH 294

Unison Prayer

Almighty God, graciously behold this Your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed into the hands of sinners and to suffer death upon the cross; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God for ever and ever. Amen.

Darkness

THE PASSION OF JESUS CHRIST

Read by Gary, Melissa, Susan and Kay Lyn

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” UMH 298

“Are Ye Able” UMH 530

Special Music by Lena “The Old Rugged Cross”

Video

SHARING IN THE LIFE OF GOD’S PEOPLE

Reproaches:

Christ’s Lament Against the Church

Hearing the “reproaches” together at the end of tonight’s service helps us remember both God’s creating and saving work throughout history and our collective human failure to receive God’s grace. The “reproaches” are a way of reminding us of God’s steadfast love, presence, and care for creation and our need to receive God’s grace anew.

The nails in front of the cross can be useful to you in two ways: first, you can keep it as a reminder of your own need for grace; second, during the reproaches, you may nail them to the cross as a reminder that Jesus’ death is the consequence of sin and brokenness in the world and in us.

During this time, you may come to touch the cross at any time. You may pound your nail into the cross at any time. You may kneel at the rails at any time. You may bring an offering as part of your commitment to love and serve Jesus anew tonight. The offering plates are near the rails.

After the Lord’s Prayer, you may go silently from this place until we see the risen Jesus Christ on Easter morning.

Hymn “Jesus, Remember Me” UMH 488

The Lord’s Prayer

Silence