



Once
for All

LAKWOOD AREA MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION
COMMUNITY GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE
CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
March 30, 2018
1:00 p.m.

Theme: *Surveying the Wondrous Cross of Jesus*

*MEDITATION AT THE CROSS “Near the Cross” Central UMC Choir

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP (condensed from Isaiah 53:1, 4-5)

Leader: Today the carpenter’s hands are nailed to a cross; the King of kings is crowned with thorns and He wears the purple robe of mockery. Today Christ sets us free, but imprisoned Himself on a tree. Today is God’s Friday. We come to worship and to remember His love for us.

People: Who has believed what we have heard? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? Surely, he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we account him stricken, struck down by God and afflicted.

Leader: But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed.

People: May we ever be grateful for Jesus the Christ, the blessings of our redemption!

*HYMN “Beneath the Cross of Jesus” vs 1,2,3 Hymnal 297

*INVOCATION (unison)

O Christ, who forsook no one but was forsaken by the closest of friends, and committed no crime yet was sentenced to a criminal’s death, we enter your presence in awe and adoration.

On this day, centuries ago, you could have saved your life, but you refused to betray the purpose for which you had been born.

You had come into the world to love God and neighbor as yourself, and when that love required you to shoulder a cross, you summoned the strength to bear it. Today, O Christ, as we sing and pray about the cross, teach us its meaning once again, help us to take up our cross and follow you. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC “O Sacred Head, Now Wounded” Pastor’s Quartet

SURVEYING THE CROSS I John 19:1-16 Rev. Mark Jarvie

OFFERING OUR GIFT TO GOD (to benefit the LAMA Benevolence Fund)

*HYMN “Lead Me to Calvary” Words on screen

SURVEYING THE CROSS II John 19:17-30 Rev. Rebecca Ebb-Speese

HYMNS “Were You There?” vs 1,2,3,5 Hymnal 288
“Hallelujah! What a Savior” Hymnal 165

PASTORAL PRAYER FOR THE COMMUNITY Rev. Kathy Smith
AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

*SPECIAL MUSIC “The Power of the Cross” Video on screen

MESSAGE Rev. Steve Place

*CLOSING HYMN “The Old Rugged Cross” vs 1,2,4 Hymnal 504

BENEDICTION

*****Please depart the Sanctuary in Silence*****

**Please stand as you are able.*

Participating in our service today:

*Rev. Mark Jarvie, Pastor of First Congregational Church
Rev. Dominic Tommy, Pastor of Central United Methodist Church
Rev. Rebecca Ebb-Speese, Pastor of Zion Lutheran Church
Rev. Steven C. Place, Pastor of Lakewood United Methodist Church
Rev. Kathy Smith, Pastor of Woodland United Methodist Church
Rev. Ben Ridder, Pastor of Harvest Community Church
Marilyn Noffke, Central UMC Organist*