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Fairlawn Avenue United Church
Friday, April 3, 2026 10:30am
Good Friday

Rev. Jean Ward and Rev. Nigel Weaver
Eleanor Daley, Director of Music
Fairlawn Avenue Senior Choir

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*Indicates when the congregation is to stand, as able.
Congregational responses indicated in ***bold italics*** and unison in **bold** text.

***Opening Hymn**

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

VU #135

**Beneath the cross of Jesus I fain would take my stand:
the shadow of a mighty rock within a weary land,
a home within the wilderness, a rest upon the way,
from the burning of the noon-tide heat and the burden of the day.**

**Upon the cross of Jesus my eyes at times can see
the very dying form of one who suffered there for me;
and from my smitten heart, with tears, two wonders I confess,
the wonder of his glorious love, and my unworthiness.**

**I take, O cross, your shadow for my abiding place;
I ask no other sunshine than the sunshine of his face,
content to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss,
my sinful self my only shame, my glory all, the cross.**

A Good Friday Confession

This is the day
on which remembrance marks
the awful
and the awe-filled
the awful
and the awe-inspiring
the awful
and the awesome mystery.

This is the day on which
the height and depth
the length and breadth
of God's Love is revealed
– a Love for all Creation –
***and we are that Creation
and we are those
beloved and chosen
as all are loved and chosen.***

This is the day on which
with cruel invention
and deadly intention
we turn the goodness of creation

***into a crown of thorns
a cross of wood
a nail of iron
a rope of hemp
a sponge of vinegar.***

This is the day on which we see

Creation's Lord nailed to a tree

Yes, this is the day
on which remembrance marks

***how great our need of love
and Love revealed.***

First Reading

Mark 14: 32-42
Jesus Prays in Gethsemane

Reader: Rev. Jean Ward

Silent Reflection

Anthem

On the Mount of Olives

Healey Willan (1880-1968)

On the Mount of Olives he prayèd to his Father:
"Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me:
the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.
Watch and pray that ye enter not into temptation.
The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak."
(from the Offices of Tenebrae/Mark 14: 36, 38 excerpted)

Silent Reflection

Second Reading

Mark 14: 43-50
The Arrest of Jesus

Reader: David Jackson

Silent Reflection

Third Reading

Mark 14: 53-65
Jesus Before the Council

Reader: Carolyn Deeth

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Silent Reflection

Duet I Don't Like It (from *Along the Way*) E. Daley/Rev. Charles Miller (1941-2009)
Caiaphas – Giles Tomkins
Annas – Willis Bote

*I don't like it, I tell you, I don't think it's wise,
A wolf in sheep's clothing, that's his disguise,
I don't like it, I tell you, I don't think it's wise,
it's time that we cut him down to his size.*

For all that we know now, he's grabbing at power,
take him and try him in this very hour!
No need to look further, he's right in our hands,
him and his followers, that idiot band! *R*

This Jesus is trouble, he's causing a stir,
inciting the rabble, of that I am sure.
He makes me nervous, now's the right day,
it could get dangerous, through needless delay. *R*

Silent Reflection

Fourth Reading Mark 14: 66-72 Reader: Ola Erinle
Peter Denies Jesus

Silent Reflection

Fifth Reading Luke 23: 1-5, 14-23 Reader: Mary Ellen Richardson
Jesus Before Pilate

Anthem Before Pilate (from *Olivet to Calvary*) J. H. Maunder (1858-1920)
Pilate – Phil Smith

Chorus: Then came Jesus forth from the judgment hall
wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe,
Pilate: And Pilate said, "Behold your King!"
Chorus: And they cried out saying, "Crucify Him!
He stirreth up the people, Crucify Him!"

Pilate: "Shall I crucify your King?"
 Chorus: "We have no king but Caesar!
 Away with this man, and release unto us Barabbas.
 Away with this man, Crucify Him!"
 Pilate: "Take ye Him, and crucify Him.
 For I find no fault in him at all."

Silent Reflection

Sixth Reading: Matthew 27: 24-26 Reader: Mary Ellen Richardson
 Jesus is Sentenced to Death

Silent Reflection

Anthem O My People (excerpt from *The Reproaches*) John Sanders (1933-2003)
 Soprano – Amy Dodington
 Tenor – Mark Wood-Salomon

*O my people, what have I done to you?
 How have I offended you? Answer me!*

I bore you up with manna in the desert,
 but you struck me down and scourged me.
 I gave you saving water from the rock,
 but you gave me gall and vinegar to drink. *R*

I gave you a royal sceptre,
 but you gave me a crown of thorns.
 I raised you to the height of majesty,
 but you have raised me high on a cross. *R*

Silent Reflection

***Hymn** My Song is Love Unknown VU #143

**My song is love unknown,
 my Saviour's love to me,
 love to the loveless shown that they might lovely be.
 O who am I that for my sake
 my Lord should take frail flesh, and die?**

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**He came from his blest throne
salvation to bestow, but people scorned,
and none the longed-for Christ would know.
But O my Friend, my Friend indeed,
who at my need his life did spend!**

**Sometimes they strew his way,
and his sweet praises sing,
resounding all the day hosannas to their King.
Then "Crucify!" is all their breath,
and for his death they thirst and cry.**

**Here might I stay and sing,
no story so divine;
never was love, dear King, never was grief like thine!
This is my friend, in whose sweet praise
I all my days would gladly spend.**

Seventh Reading

Luke 23: 26, 32-43
Jesus is Crucified

Reader: Jennifer Duchesne

Silent Reflection

A Prayer in Silence

Remember each of us,
***in this place of worship,
surrounded by people
whose journey we have not travelled,
whose depth of faith we do not know,
whose potentials we cannot imagine,
that we might somehow know we belong
not just to you
but to each other.***

Anthem

In His Mother's Eyes
Mezzo Soprano – Andrea Ludwig

E. Daley

Stabat mater dolorosa juxta crucem lacrimosa,
Vidit suum dulcem natum moriendo desolatum.
(Translation: The sorrowful mother stood beside the Cross weeping.
She saw her sweet Son dying, forsaken.)

High on Calvary's hill, forsaken,
 Christ our Lord to death drew near,
 with a cry at last to his Father
 that they did not seem to hear.

*In his mother's eyes is the sorrow,
 in his mother's eyes is the depth of love.
 Sight made dim by tears unending,
 clearly seeing though God's will be done.*

Full of grief, the Mother weeping by the cross where hung her Son,
 dying and abandoned there, her only child, the chosen one.

People unredeemed and ungrateful,
 blind to see this act of sacrifice,
 know they not this man whom they taunted,
 will for them open paradise. *R*
 (Charlotte Lee, used with permission, Stabat Mater adapted E. D.)

Silent Reflection

Eighth Reading

Excerpts from Matthew 27 and John 19
 The Death of Jesus

Rev. Nigel Weaver

Silent Reflection

Anthem

Behold, We Have Seen Him

E. Daley

Behold, we have seen him without form or comeliness,
 his form is gone from him,
 he hath borne our sins and his sorrows are for us,
 he was wounded for our transgressions,
 and with his stripes we are healèd.
 Surely he hath borne our griefs and carried our sorrows,
 and with his stripes we are healèd.
 (from the Offices of Tenebrae/Isaiah 53: 4, 5 excerpted)

Silent Reflection

**O sacred head, sore wounded,
with grief and shame weighed down;
now scornfully surrounded
with thorns, thine only crown:
how art thou pale with anguish,
with sore abuse and scorn;
how does that visage languish,
which once was bright as morn!**

**Thy grief and bitter passion
were all for sinners' gain;
mine, mine was the transgression,
but thine the cruel pain.
Lo, here I fall, my Saviour,
turn not from me thy face;
but look on me with favour,
and grant to me thy grace.**

**What language shall I borrow
to thank thee, dearest friend,
for this thy dying sorrow,
thy pity without end?
O make me thine forever;
and should I fainting be,
Lord, let me never,
never outlive my love to thee.**

**Be near when I am dying,
O show thy cross to me;
and for my succour flying,
come, Lord, to set me free.
These eyes, new faith receiving,
from thee shall not remove,
for all who die believing,
die safely through thy love.**

***Benediction**

God, today is a day
 for life's contradictions
 when wisdom appears folly
 when strength appears weakness
 when redemptive activity
 seems passive futility
 when the fullness of love
 seems empty and hollow.

***Today, may we
 abandon ourselves to that folly
 place our trust in that weakness
 admit the futility
 enter the hollow emptiness
 and there find life. Amen.***

Scattering

You are welcome to spend a few minutes in silence. When ready, please take that silence with you.

There are envelopes and offering plates at the front and back of the sanctuary for those wishing to make a donation. Thank you.

We invite you to Fairlawn Avenue United Church this Easter Sunday to gather in joy. Together, we will celebrate the heart of our faith: the light that breaks through darkness, the hope that rises anew, and the promise of life renewed for all.

Sunday, April 5	9:00am	Easter Breakfast \$6/person
Sunday, April 5	10:30am	Easter Sunday Communion

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