



**GRACE UNITED CHURCH**  
**Good Friday Service**  
**March 29, 2024, 10:30 a.m.**  
 Minister: Rev. Dr. Thomas Shin  
 Lay Presider: Alex MacMillan



**Gathering to Worship God**

**Gathering Music: Joyce Redford (Hammered Dulcimer)**  
**What Wondrous Love is This** American Folk Hymn

**Prelude: Lead Me to Calvary** W. Kilpatrick

**Announcements**

**Lighting of the Christ Candle** Mirabelle & Miriam

**Call to Worship:**

One: Draw near to God on this day, a day when God seems so far away.

**All: We cry for help, in need of God's strength.**

One: Remember the story of betrayal and death, the saddest of our faith.

**All: We wonder how those who loved him could have all fallen away.**

One: Listen and pray on this day of reflection, seeking to understand death and destruction.

**All: We yearn to know the salvation of God.**

One: Draw near, dear friends, for God is as near to us as our very breath.

**All: God was there, hanging on the cross with Jesus, and God is here with us now.**

**Video #1 At the Cross**

**Opening Prayer:**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**Praise and Worship 1: Led by Grace Choir**  
**Were You There** VU #144 (vs.1, 2 and 5)

**Prayer of Confession:**

One: Forgive us, merciful God, when we deny you and betray those who seek our welfare.

**All: Lord, have mercy.**

One: Forgive us when we forget your story and deny your place in our lives.

**All: Christ, have mercy.**

One: Forgive us when we wash our hands of responsibility and refuse to stand up for truth.

**All: Lord, have mercy.**

One: Forgive us when we follow crowds that would crucify, when we listen to ideas that destroy.

**All: Kyrie, eleison, Kyrie, eleison.**

**Silent Prayer: The Old Rugged Cross** George Bennard

**Assurance of Pardon**

**Praise and Worship 2: Led by Grace Choir**  
**Beneath the Cross of Jesus** VU #135

**To Discover the Word of God for This Day**

**Scripture Reading: John 6:60-70 & Matthew 26:36-46** Sheila Hill

One: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church

**All: Thanks be to God**

**Choir Anthem: (piano accompaniment by Jeannette Denney):**  
**No Greater Love** by Pepper Choplin  
*(from the Easter Musical Come Walk with Me)*

**Sermon: Suffering of Christ (3)** Rev. Dr. Thomas Shin

**To Respond in Faith, Hope and Love**

**Praise and Worship 3:**  
**I'm Forever Grateful** Mark Altrogge

**The Church Scatters to Live its Faith in the World**

**Commissioning & Benediction**  
**Go Now in Peace** D. Besig & N. Price

**Postlude: Keith Mayers Solo**  
**Room at the Cross** Ira Stanphill

**After the solo please exit the Sanctuary quietly.**

**Join us March 31, 2024**

**EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE** – Meet at Grace Church at 8:00 am.

We will walk to Rosalie Park for worship service.

Refreshments will be served in the Reception Room following the service.

**EASTER SUNDAY COMMUNION SERVICE - 10:30 am**