Via Dolorosa ("The Way of Suffering")

Down the Vía Dolorosa in Jerusalem that day The soldiers tried to clear the narrow street But the crowd pressed in to see The Man condemned to die on Calvary

He was bleeding from a beating, there were stripes upon His back And He wore a crown of thorns upon His head And He bore with every step The scorn of those who cried out for His death

Down the Vía Dolorosa called the way of suffering Like a lamb came the Messiah, Christ the King, But He chose to walk that road out of His love for you and me. Down the Via Dolorosa, all the way to Calvary.

The blood that would cleanse the souls of all men Made it's way through the heart of Jerusalem.

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The Cross is carried to and placed in the Chancel area as "Via Dolorosa" is sung by a single voice. Sit in quite meditation. At the conclusion of the spiritual you are invited to remain in your pew in quite meditation or you may come to the foot of the cross to kneel in adoration and prayer. During this period of quite meditation, a chime bell will be tolled 33 times, signifying the entire earthly life of Jesus Christ. Leave in silence whenever you are ready after the lights come on.

Go in peace. May God bless you all.

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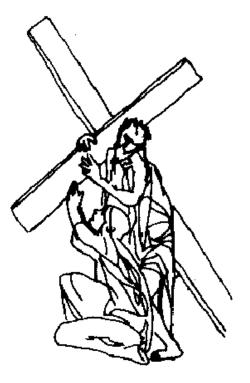
At 6:30 a.m. on Easter morning we will celebrate Easter Sunrise Service at the Memorial Garden. In case of rain the service will be held in the sanctuary.



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The Stations of the Cross in Spirit

2016 Good Friday

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The Stations of the Cross are a 14-step devotion that commemorates Jesus Christ's last day on Earth as a man. The 14 devotions or stations focus on specific events of His last day, beginning with His condemnation. The stations are commonly used as a mini pilgrimage as the individual moves from station to station. At each station, the individual recalls and meditates on a specific event from Christ's last day. Specific prayers are recited, then the individual moves to the next station until all 14 are complete. The Stations of the Cross are commonly found in churches as a series of 14 small icons or images. They can also appear in church yards arranged along paths. The stations are most commonly prayed during Lent on Wednesdays and Fridays, and especially on Good Friday, the day of the year upon which the events actually occurred.

The Prelude

"Were You There?" Arranged by Smith

Spiritual

Greeting

Song of the Suffering Servant

Isaiah 52:3-7

³ He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows, and familiar with suffering. Like one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not. ⁴ Surely he took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows, yet we considered him stricken by God, smitten by him, and afflicted. ⁵ But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed. ⁶ We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. ⁷ He was oppressed and afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; he was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth.

Responsive Hymn – UMH No. 289 "Ah, Holy Jesus"

HERZLIEBSTER JESU

Congregation may sing stanza 1 only.

Opening Prayer

Offered in Unison

O my God, my Redeemer, behold me here at your feet. From the bottom of my heart I am sorry for all my sins, because by them I have offended you, Who are infinitely good. I will die rather than offend you again.

Station 13: The Body of Jesus Christ Is Taken from the Cross

Pastor: We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you.

All: Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

The Thirteenth Disciple: Jesus, how brutally you were put to death. How gently ...

Responsive Hymn – UMH No. 297 "Beneath the Cross of Jesus" ST. CHRISTOPHER Stanza 3 only

Pastor: Jesus Christ Crucified.

All: Have mercy on us.

Pastor: May the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God.

All: Amen.

Station 14: Jesus Is Laid in the Tomb

Pastor: We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you.

All: Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

The Beloved Disciple: Jesus, your body is prepared for burial. Joseph gave ...

Responsive Hymn – UMH No. 298 "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" HAMBURG

Canticle of Christ

Philippians 2:5-11

⁵ Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: ⁶ Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, ⁷ but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. ⁸ And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death-- even death on a cross! ⁹ Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

A Sermon in Poetry

Rev. DaeHwa Park

"The Crucifixion" by James Weldon Johnson

Nailing of Our Sins

You were given a nail when you entered. Think of it as the embodiment of what you want God to forgive. When you are ready, take the nail, move to the wooden cross left at the adjacent room on your left and put the nail of your sin or fear into the wood of Jesus' cross and take a cross made of palm leaves for the reminder of what God has done for you in Jesus Christ. Return in silence to your seat.

Station 10: Jesus' Clothes Are Taken Away

Pastor: We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you.

All: Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

Tenth Disciple: The soldiers notice you have something of value. They remove ...

Responsive Hymn – UMH No. 288 "Were You There"

WERE YOU THERE

Stanza 5 only

Pastor: Jesus Christ Crucified.

All: Have mercy on us.

Pastor: May the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God.

All: Amen.

Station 11: Jesus Is Nailed to the Cross

Pastor: We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you.

All: Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

Eleventh Disciple: You are stretched out on the cross you have carried so far....

Responsive Hymn – UMH No. 297 "Beneath the Cross of Jesus" ST. CHRISTOPHER Stanza 1 only

Pastor: Jesus Christ Crucified.

All: Have mercy on us.

Pastor: May the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God.

All: Amen.

Station 12: Jesus Dies on the Cross

Pastor: We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you.

All: Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

Twelfth Disciple: As Jesus hung on the cross, he forgave the soldiers who had, ...

Responsive Hymn – UMH No. 297 "Beneath the Cross of Jesus" ST. CHRISTOPHER Stanza 2 only

Pastor: Jesus Christ Crucified.

All: Have mercy on us.

Pastor: May the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God.

All: Amen.

THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS IN SPIRIT

Station 1: Jesus is Condemned to Death

Pastor: We adore you, O Christ, and bless you.

All: Because by you holy cross your have redeemed the world.

First Disciple: Jesus, you stand all alone before Pilate. ...

Responsive Hymn – UMH No. 289 "Ah, Holy Jesus" HERZLIEBSTER JESU Stanza 2 Only

Pastor: Jesus Christ Crucified.

All: Have mercy on us.

Pastor: May the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God.

All: Amen.

Station 2: Jesus Carries the Cross

Pastor: We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you.

All: Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

Second Disciple: Jesus as you accepted your cross you knew you would carry it ...

HERZLIEBSTER JESU Responsive Hymn – UMH No. 289 "Ah, Holy Jesus" Stanza 3 only

Pastor: Jesus Christ Crucified.

All: Have mercy on us.

Pastor: May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God.

All: Amen.

Station 3: Jesus Falls the First Time

Pastor: We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you.

All: Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

Third Disciple: Jesus, the cross you have been carrying is very heavy. ...

Responsive Hymn – UMH No. 289 "Ah, Holy Jesus" HERZLIEBSTER JESU Stanza 4 only

Pastor: Jesus Christ Crucified.

All: Have mercy on us.

Pastor: May the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God.

All: Amen.

Station 4: Jesus Meets His Mother

Pastor: We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you.

All: Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

Fourth Disciple: Jesus, you feel so alone with all those people yelling and screaming at you. ...

Responsive Hymn – UMH No. 289 "Ah, Holy Jesus"

HERZLIEBSTER JESU

Stanza 5 only

Leader: Jesus Christ Crucified.

All: Have mercy on us.

Leader: May the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God.

All: Amen.

Station 5: Simon of Cyrene Helps Jesus to Carry His Cross

Pastor: We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you.

All: Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

Fifth Disciple: Jesus, the soldiers are becoming impatient. ...

Special Music

"When Jesus Wept"

Billings

Arranged by Nixon

All: Have mercy on us.

Pastor: Jesus Christ Crucified.

Pastor: May the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God.

All: Amen.

Station 6: Veronica Wipes the Face of Jesus

Pastor: We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you.

All: Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

Sixth Disciple: Jesus, suddenly a woman comes out of the crowd. Her name is...

Responsive Hymn – UMH No. 288 "Were You There"

WERE YOU THERE

Stanza 1 only

Pastor: Jesus Christ Crucified.

All: Have mercy on us.

Pastor: May the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God.

All: Amen.

Station 7: Jesus Falls the Second Time

Pastor: We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you.

All: Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

Seventh Disciple: This is the second time you have fallen on the road. ...

Responsive Hymn – UMH No. 288 "Were You There" Stanza 2 only WERE YOU THERE

Pastor: Jesus Christ Crucified.

All: Have Mercy on us.

Pastor: May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God.

All: Amen.

Station 8: Jesus Meets the Women of Jerusalem

Pastor: We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you.

All: Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

Jesus, as you carry your cross you see a group of women along the road. ...

Responsive Hymn – UMH No. 288 "Were You There"

WERE YOU THERE

Stanza 3 only

Pastor: Jesus Christ Crucified.

All: Have Mercy on us.

Pastor: May the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God.

All: Amen.

Station 9: Jesus Falls the Third Time

Pastor: We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you.

All: Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

Ninth Disciple: Jesus, your journey has been long. You fall again, beneath your ...

Responsive Hymn – UMH No. 288 "Were You There"
Stanza 4 only

WERE YOU THERE

Pastor: Jesus Christ Crucified.

All: Have mercy on us.

Pastor: May the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God.

All: Amen.