Good Friday Service

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

\*Call to Worship Rev. Sarah Locke

Come, let us gather again in the shadow   
of the Cross of Christ.  
**We gather to remember the overwhelming evidence**  
**of Love’s ultimate sacrifice.**  
Who would have guessed that the height and depth,  
the length and width of God’s love might look like this:   
a forsaken savior on a cross?  
**Certainly not us. Not us, who are too often lost**  
**amid the world’s distractions and responsibilities.**  
**Not us, for whom such love was offered without cost.**  
Let us gather again in the shadow of the Cross of Christ   
and commit ourselves to remember the price paid.  
Let us live our lives in a way that indicates why   
this Friday is called “Good.”  
**Thanks be to God, who opened the gates of heaven,**  
**that we might have the faith, hope, and love,**  
**witnessed in Christ’s sacrifice for our salvation.**

**\*Opening Hymn No. 298**

***“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”***

Opening Prayer

The 1st Reading Luke 22: 29-46 Susan McKee

(*First Light is Extinguished)*

The 2nd Reading Mark 14: 43-52 E. T. White

*(Second Light is Extinguished)*

**\*Hymn “What Wondrous Love Is This” No. 292**

Verses 1-2

The 3rd Reading Mark 14: 51-72 Joan Walton

(Third Light is Extinguished)

The 4th Reading Mark 15: 1-5 Margaret Norfleet

(Fourth Light is Extinguished)

**\*Hymn “What Wondrous Love Is This” No. 292**

Verses 3-4

The 5th Reading Mark 15: 6-15 Charles Vertigan

(Fifth Light is Extingusihed)

The 6th Reading Marck 15: 16-20 Cheryl Cooper

(Sixth Light is Extinguished)

**\*Hymn “*Were You There”* No. 288**

Verses 1-3

The 7th Reading Mark 15: 21-32 Kim Schorr

(Seventh Light is Extinguished)

The 8th Reading Mark 15: 33-37 Meredith Steadman

(Eight Light is Extinguished)

**\*Hymn ‘Were You There” No. 288**

Verses 4-5

Stripping of the Altar

The 9th Reading Mark 15: 38-39 Cindy Watts (Christ Candle is Extinguished)

**\***Special Music Rev. Sarah Locke & Glenda Brown

***How Deep the Father’s Love for Us***

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Benediction

Please join us on Easter Sunday, March 31st, for:

Sunrise Service at 6:30 am

Morning Worship at 10:30 am followed by Easter Egg Hunt

The Hickory Easter Service at 5 pm

Family Dinner at 6 pm (Favorite Casseroles)

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**Hickory UMC Good Friday Service**

**Service of Darkness**

**March 29th, 2024**