

Upper St. Croix Parish
Grantsburg: Central, Atlas, St. Croix Falls
April 7th, 2023
“Good Friday Service”

*Please stand if you are able.

***PRELUDE**

Toni Koons

***LIGHTENING SEVEN CANDLES**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING OF THE GREETINGS

“Peace be with You”

OPENING PRAYER Unison

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ was lifted high upon the cross so that he might draw the whole world to himself. Grant that we, who glory in this death for our salvation, may also glory in his call to take up our cross and follow him; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Confession and Pardon

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Responsive

Forgive hearts consumed with selfish gain.

Turn our hearts toward love for others.

Forgive eyes gazing at worthless things of this world.

Turn our eyes toward your presence, your action, within us and around us.

Forgive hands that push people away.

Turn our hands to welcome the stranger, the outcast, the enemy.

Forgive feet kicking up dust on dead-end roads.

Turn our feet onto your path of righteousness.

By the grace of Jesus Christ, the One who came to save us from our sins,

Forgive us, O God and return us to your way. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Romans 8:1

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. You are the children of God. Amen.

Meditation at the Cross

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 53:1-5

Who has believed our message

and to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?

² He grew up before him like a tender shoot,
and like a root out of dry ground.

He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him,
nothing in his appearance that we should desire him.

³ He was despised and rejected by mankind,
a man of suffering, and familiar with pain.

Like one from whom people hide their faces
he was despised, and we held him in low esteem.

⁴ Surely he took up our pain
and bore our suffering,

yet we considered him punished by God,
stricken 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 on him,
and by his wounds we are healed.

HYMN

UMH 288

SILENT MEDITATION

*During silent meditation, persons may come forward informally
to kneel briefly before the Thorn Crown, Cross,
and Nails or touch them.*

Anointing of Healing

People are invited to come front to be anointed.

Jesus’ Seven Words on the Cross and Tenebrae

THE FIRST WORD: “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.” (Luke 23:34)

The First candle is extinguished.

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Upper St. Croix Parish United Methodist Church

The 2023 Parish Ministry Theme:
“Fill My House” (Luke 14:23)

Good Friday Service



5:30 pm at Central-Grantsburg United Methodist Church

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THE SECOND WORD: “I tell you the truth, today you will be with me in paradise.” (Luke 23:43)

The Second candle is extinguished.

THE THIRD WORD: “Dear Woman, here is your son,” “Here is your mother.” (John 19:27)

The Third candle is extinguished.

THE FOURTH WORD: “Eloi, Eloi, Lama sabachthani? My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” (Matthew 27:46)

The Fourth candle is extinguished.

THE FIFTH WORD: “I am thirsty.” (John 19:28)

The Fifth candle is extinguished.

THE SIXTH WORD: “It is finished.” (John 19:30)

The Sixth candle is extinguished.

THE SEVENTH WORD: “Father, into your hands I commit my spirit.” (Luke 23:46)

The Seventh candle is extinguished.

We Go Forth to Love God and Serve One Another

***CLOSING HYMN**

UMH 288 (vs. 1 & 5)

***BENEDICTION**

Pastor Jenny Lee

“May Jesus Christ, who for our sake became obedient unto death, even death on a cross, keep you and strengthen you, now and forever. Amen.”

***POSTLUDE**

Toni Koons

We leave in silence in the full knowledge of the grief. We know, however, that Jesus’ death is not God’s final word. From the prophet Hosea came these words,

“I will deliver this people from the power of the grave;

I will redeem them from death.

“Where, O death, is your victory?

Where, O death, is your sting?” (Hosea 13:14)