

*Congregational Singing. Social distancing and masks recommended.

PRELUDE

The Dedication

*Stephanie Price-Hammond
In honor of Rev. Brigitte Black*

WELCOME

Mackenzie Jager

CALL to WORSHIP

Rev. Sara Isbell

Gather, friends, at the foot of the cross, where the Lamb of God was slain.

We come, bringing our sorrow and our joy; our hope and our fear.

We were not there on that terrible Friday – that wonderful, holy Good Friday

And yet what happened there was the story of our salvation.

Listen, children of God, to the voices of those who saw Him die.

Give thanks, children of God, for in Him we all live.

*HYMN

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

*Congregational Singing
Kevin Chunko, organ
Mark Rupe, song leader*

CALL to CONFESSION

Rev. Hank Anderson

PRAYER of CONFESSION

Rev. Brian Hastings

O God, we come to you on the day we remember the crucifixion and death of your Son.

We confess that all too often we treat ourselves as innocent bystanders to the crucifixion, clinging to our own righteousness, excusing ourselves, embracing cheap grace.

Lord, forgive our indifference.

We confess that there are times we seek to preserve our status, our rights, our power, without regard to the effects of our actions on those around us. We want to claim the label of Christian while rejecting your call to pick up our crosses to follow you.

Spirit, forgive our selfishness.

We confess that there are times when the brokenness of the world; the needs around and within us can lead us to lose hope, to fix our eyes on the waves and the storm instead of on you.

Christ, forgive us when we act from despair.

We confess the times we are silent in the face of evil, of falsehood. When we go along to get along, as long as we are not the one who is hurt. When we fail to acknowledge you as our hope, as our Lord.

Lord, forgive our faithlessness.

We confess our complicity with systems of thought and action which deny you and harm our brothers and sisters, made in your image.

Lord, forgive the harm we have done, knowingly and unknowingly.

Lord, have mercy. Christ have mercy.

ASSURANCE of PARDON

Rev. Deb Smith Johnston

*HYMN

Old Rugged Cross

*Congregational Singing
Led by: Mark Rupe
Ellen Hagen, piano
Kenneth Kelley, saxophone*

PRAYER for ILLUMINATION

Rev. Cheri Grizzard

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 23:26–49

Michelle Burton

CHOIR ANTHEM

Were You There When They Crucified My Lord?

*Wesley UMC Choir
Kimberly Martin-Boyd, cello
Brenna Martin, soloist*

REFLECTIONS from the CROSS

With music by:

Ellen Hagen, piano

Brenna Martin, soloist

Mackenzie Jager as Mary

Rev. Tom Cici as Simon of Cyrene

Rev. Tanya Evans as Nicodemus

Lori Bultemeier as Criminal

Rev. B. Elliott Renfroe as Jesus

MUSICAL MEDITATION

Jesus Paid It All / O Sacred Head Now Wounded
arr. Brant Adams.

Kimberly Martin-Boyd, cellist

Ellen Hagen, piano

PRAYER and BENEDICTION

Rev. Trey Haddon

LEAVE in SILENCE

Scripture Reading: Luke 23:26–49

²⁶ As they led him away, they seized a man, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming from the country, and they laid the cross on him, and made him carry it behind Jesus. ²⁷ A great number of the people followed him, and among them were women who were beating their breasts and wailing for him. ²⁸ But Jesus turned to them and said, “Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. ²⁹ For the days are surely coming when they will say, ‘Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bore, and the breasts that never nursed.’” ³⁰ Then they will begin to say to the mountains, ‘Fall on us’; and to the hills, ‘Cover us.’” ³¹ For if they do this when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?”

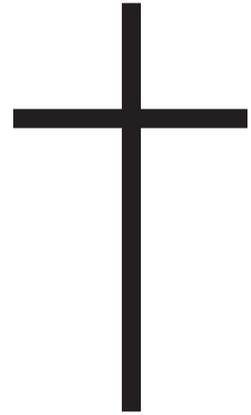
³² Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. ³³ When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. [[³⁴ Then Jesus said, “Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.”]] And they cast lots to divide his clothing. ³⁵ And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, “He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!”” ³⁶ The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, ³⁷ and saying, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!”” ³⁸ There was also an inscription over him, “This is the King of the Jews.”

³⁹ One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, “Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!”” ⁴⁰ But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?”” ⁴¹ And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.”” ⁴² Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.”” ⁴³ He replied, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.””

⁴⁴ It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, ⁴⁵ while the sun’s light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. ⁴⁶ Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, “Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.”” Having said this, he breathed his last. ⁴⁷ When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said, “Certainly this man was innocent.”” ⁴⁸ And when all the crowds who had gathered there for this spectacle saw what had taken place, they returned home, beating their breasts. ⁴⁹ But all his acquaintances, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.

Participants listed in alphabetical order:

Rev. B. Elliott Renfroe, Westminster Village
Brenna Martin, Wesley UMC
Rev. Brian Hastings, First Baptist Bloomington
Rev. Cheri Grizzard, First Baptist Bloomington
Rev. Deb Smith Johnston, Park United Methodist Church
Ellen Hagen, Wesley UMC
Rev. Hank Anderson, First Christian Church
Kevin Chunko, Second Presbyterian
Kimberly Martin-Boyd, Wesley UMC
Mackenzie Jager, Second Presbyterian
Mark Rupe, Centennial Christian Church
Michelle Burton, Westminster Village
Rev. Sara Isbell, Wesley UMC
Stephanie Price-Hammond, Wayman AME
Rev. Tanya Evans, Wesley UMC
Rev. Tom Cici, Centennial Christian Church
Rev. Trey Haddon, Second Presbyterian
Wesley UMC Choir



GOOD FRIDAY
COMMUNITY SERVICE

To the family, loved ones, and congregation of Wayman African Methodist Episcopal Church:

On this solemn day we take time to honor the life of Rev. Dr. Brigitte A. Black who so selflessly gave her life to ministry until the Lord called her home. This Woman of God extended the love of God to everyone sent her direction, and she obediently followed the voice of the Lord wherever He sent her.

The communities of Bloomington-Normal and beyond will notice her absence and the use of her prophetic voice calling out injustice, oppression, and marginalization; her deep commitment to scripture; her evangelistic voice offering the gift of salvation to humans of all ages; her call to unity; and her generous smile that bore a reflection of the God she so loved.

Rev. Dr. Black served as a part of this Good Friday service clergy collaborative initiative, and she encouraged our theme, “I Was There ...” Today, in our grief, we celebrate “She Is There.”

Well done. Good and faithful servant.

– Rev. B. Elliott Renfroe

Friday, April 15, 2022
12:00 PM Service