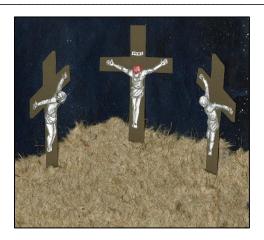
# FIRST CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST RIVER FALLS, WISCONSIN

March 29, 2024 *Good Friday* 6:30 pm



#### **GATHER IN SILENCE**

HYMN Stay Here (repeated several times)



#### **PRAYER**

Holy God, on this most difficult of days, receive our prayer. Gracious God,

look upon us with compassion; sustain us amid the burdens of life; remove from us guilt that weakens us;

help us forgive and be reconciled;

inspire us to reach out, even to our enemies.

Forgiving and loving God,

we thank you for the life of Jesus the Christ, who showed us how life is to be lived. May we remember that he was gentle and humble of heart, a friend to the poor and neglected, and committed to a life of service.

Gracious God, hear our prayer. Amen.

## What Wondrous Love Is This



# **PSALM 22:1-11** (Cantor will introduce; congregation, please join in when directed)



L: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

P: Why are you so far from helping me, from the words of my groaning?

L: O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer;

P: And by night, but find no rest.

L: Yet you are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel.

P: In You, our ancestors trusted; they trusted, and you delivered them.

L: To you they cried, and were saved;

P: In you they trusted, and were not put to shame.

L: But I am a worm, and not human;

P: Scorned by others, and despised by the people. R

L: All who see me mock at me;

P: They make mouths at me, they shake their heads;

L: "Commit your cause to God"

P: Let God deliver – let God rescue the one in whom God delights!"

L: Yet it was you who took me from the womb;

P: You kept me safe on my mother's breast.

L: On you I was cast from my birth,

P: And since my mother bore me you have been my God.

L: Do not be far from me,

P: For trouble is near and there is no one to help. R

# THE PRAYERS & LORD'S PRAYER (debts/debtors)

Lord in your mercy... Hear our prayer.

...Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

**CANTATA** 

A Journey to Hope by Joseph M. Martin

**Chancel Choir** 

**Narration** 

Call to Faith

**Narration** 

## The Call to Follow

Narration

Peace for the Journey

Narration

Ride On, King Jesus

Narration

Come to the Welcome Table

Narration

**Gethsemane** 

Narration

Jesus Walked to Calvary

Narration

They Crucified My Lord

#### **HYMN**

## Jesus, Remember Me

(Sung repeatedly as lights are lowered and until Christ candle is extinguished)



Depart in silence