

Stations of the Cross



Truth on Trial

“Jesus Before the Sanhedrin” – Bambi Rogers
Matthew 26:57–68 Truth stands silent before accusation.
Even when misunderstood, Jesus remains faithful.

John 18:33–37 Jesus declares a kingdom not of this world.
His truth challenges every earthly power, and every human heart.
Christ longs to be Lord of our lives. Is he?



Mockery and Suffering

“Jesus Being Mocked by Roman Soldiers”
– Eleanor Dixon Stecker
Matthew 27:27–31 The King of kings is mocked and beaten.
Love endures what hatred cannot understand.

“Crown of Thorns” – Bambi Rogers
Matthew 27:29 A crown meant for ridicule becomes
a symbol of sacrificial love.
Even pain is transformed in God’s hands.
Can you think of a time this has been true in your life?



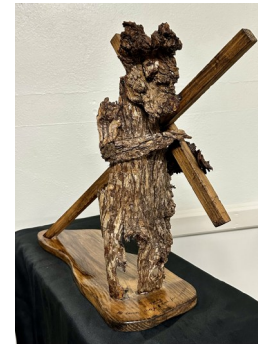
“Jesus and the Crown of Thorns”
– Joseph Michael Merritt (Sculpture)
John 19:2 The thorns press deep,
yet Christ’s mercy presses deeper still.

***Carefully touch this crown of thorns. (Careful, the thorns are very sharp.)**
As you do, consider how it still happens today.
We still humiliate, mock and crucify one another with our words and actions.
Confess, and receive God’s forgiveness.

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The Way of the Cross

John 19:17 Jesus carries the weight of the world’s brokenness.
He walks the road we could not walk alone.



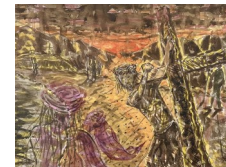
“Jesus Carrying the Cross” – Niall Mathieson (Sculpture)

Luke 23:26 The burden is heavy,
yet he keeps moving forward,
for love’s sake.



“Jesus Carrying the Cross”
– Unknown Artist (Sculpture)

“Jesus Carries the Cross” – David Rumfelt
Luke 23:26 In every step, we see both suffering
and determination. Love does not turn back



“Veronica Washes Jesus’ Brow”
– Scott Marshall

While not mentioned in scripture, some
traditions believe Veronica wiped his brow
as Christ carried the cross on the Via Dolorosa.

“Three Crosses” – Walker Jones
Luke 23:33 On a hill outside the city, heaven and earth meet.
Grace is written in sacrifice.
What does the word sacrifice mean to you in terms of your faith?



John 3:16-17

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that world might be saved through him.”

***Drive a nail into the cross, remembering that Jesus took the nails for us.**
A sign of God’s great love for us.

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The Crucifixion

“Father, Forgive Them” – Eleanor Dixon Stecker

Luke 23:34 In unimaginable pain, Jesus speaks forgiveness.
Mercy becomes the final word.
What does forgiveness look like for you?



Nails” – Amy Renfroe

John 20:25 The marks of suffering remain visible. In death and resurrection, the wounds tell a story of love.



“It is Finished” – Amy Renfroe

John 19:30 The work of love is complete.
What looks like an ending is, in truth, a beginning.
Has this been true in your life, too?

Grief and Love

“The Pieta” – Bambi Rogers

John 19:38–40 A mother holds her son’s body in sorrow.
God is present even in our deepest grief.
Remember, Christ carries our pain!



The Silence of the Tomb

“Stone Entry to the Tomb” – Emma Melton

Matthew 27:59–60 The stone is rolled into place.
All seems lost, but God is still at work in the silence.
Have you had moments when all seemed lost?



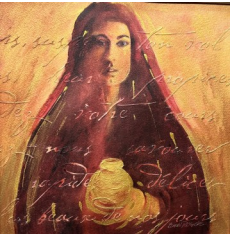
***Place a stone in your hand. Consider all the needless things you carry.
Then place the stone back in the bowl. It is that simple.
Let Jesus have whatever burdens you.**

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Anointing: Love Poured Out

“Woman with Oil for Anointing” – Bambi Rogers

Matthew 26:6–13 An act of extravagant love prepares Jesus for what lies ahead. True devotion often looks wasteful to the world, but precious to God.



The Table of Grace

“The Last Supper” – Walker Jones (Sculpture)

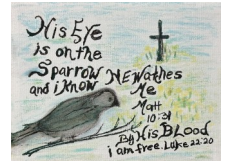
Luke 22:14–20 At the table, Jesus offers bread and cup, his very self. Even in betrayal, he chooses love.



“His Eye is on the Sparrow” – Sue Walker

Matthew 10:31; Luke 22:20

We are reminded of God’s tender care,
Even in moments of coming sorrow.
We are never unseen, never forgotten.



Gethsemane: The Struggle Within

“The Agony of Christ” – Alan Stecker

Luke 22:39–46 Jesus wrestles in prayer, honest about his anguish. Faith does not remove struggle, it meets God within it.



“Betrayed by Judas” – Eleanor Dixon Stecker

Matthew 26:47–50 Betrayal comes with a kiss. Even here, Jesus responds not with hatred, but with steadfast love.

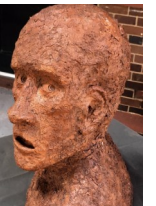


“Judas” – Alan Stecker



“Peter’s Denial” (Sculpture) – Dr. Lee Woodall

Luke 22:60–62 The rooster crows, and Peter remembers.
Failure is never the end of the story,
grace still has more to say.



“Good Morning” (Rooster) – Amy Renfroe

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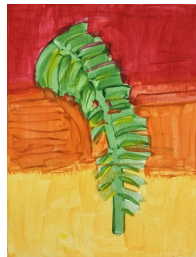
An Interactive Art Experience

A Gallery Guide for Reflection and Prayer

As you move through this exhibit, you are invited to walk the sacred story of Jesus, from celebration to sacrifice, from sorrow to resurrection. This interactive, contemplative experience features dozens of original works of art created by local artists, each offering a unique visual meditation on a moment in the Passion of Christ.

As you journey from page to page, image to image, you'll move through the ancient story that changed the world. Some of the stations are designed to be interactive, marked with an asterisk (*) symbol, to help you enter more deeply into the story with your senses and your spirit. Touch, hold, reflect. Let your heart be stirred by Christ's love, mercy and grace.

Take your time. Breathe deeply. Let each piece speak to your heart.



Palm Sunday: The Journey Begins

“Palm Branch” – Ella Melton *Matthew 21:8–9*

The crowds wave palms and shout “Hosanna,” welcoming a king they do not yet fully understand. Where do we celebrate Jesus, yet miss the deeper call of discipleship?



“Messiah (Jesus Entering Jerusalem)” – Amy Renfroe

Matthew 21:1–11 Jesus enters not with power, but with humility. He comes gently, inviting us to follow in a different kind of kingdom.



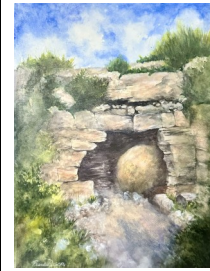
“The Lord Has Need of It” – Pat Burns *Luke 19:29–34*

Even a simple colt becomes part of God's greater purpose. What in your life might God be asking to use?

***Lift up one of the palms and wave it.
Consider how you might welcome Jesus today**

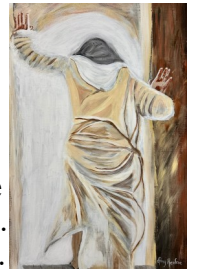
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Resurrection Morning



“The Empty Tomb” – Bambi Rogers *Luke 24:1–3*

The tomb is empty.
Hope begins to rise in the most unexpected place.



“Jesus Leaving Empty Tomb” – Amy Renfroe

Matthew 28:2–6 Death cannot hold him.
New life breaks through the darkness.



“Mary at the Tomb” – David Rumfelt

John 20:11–16 In her grief, Mary does not recognize him, until he calls her name. Love is personal.



“Mary Magdalene” – Melanie Handy

John 20:16–18 “Go and tell.” The first witness of resurrection is sent with good news.



“Word of His Resurrection” – Saffron Abreau

Luke 24:9–10 The story cannot be contained.
Hope must be shared.

“Eggstravagant News” – Stef Parker
2 Corinthians 5:17 Eggs represent new life, and at Easter, they remind us of our new life in Christ.



“Jesus Speaking with the Two Marys” – Eleanor Dixon Stecker

Matthew 28:8–10 Fear and joy meet as the risen Christ speaks peace. Resurrection changes everything.

Who Is This Jesus?

Colossians 1:15 He is the image of the invisible God. In Christ, we see who God truly is, love revealed.



“The Names of Jesus” – Bambi Rogers

Isaiah 9:6; Philippians 2:9–11 Wonderful Counselor, Prince of Peace, Savior. Each name tells the story of who he is for us.

***In this journal, write down your favorite names for Jesus.
You may take a handout with you for further reflection.**

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Living the Story

“The Faithful Servant” – Sharon Ard

Matthew 25:21 Faithfulness is found in daily acts of love and service.
The journey continues through us.



***Dip your hand in the water, and as it drips back into the bowl, consider the ways you might serve others as Christ served.**



“Beloved” – Emily Larkey (Sculpture)

Matthew 3:17 “You are my beloved.”
Before all else, this is who we are.

“Mending” – Emily Larkey (Sculpture)

John 21:15–17 Christ restores what is broken.
Grace always makes a way forward.



“Obscurity” – Emily Larkey (Sculpture)

Isaiah 53:2–3 The Savior came without worldly glory.
God often works in quiet, hidden ways.

“Pilgrimage” – by Masoud Nourizadeh

Luke 24:13–35 Like the travelers to Emmaus, we walk
our own journeys, often unaware
that Christ walks with us.



Closing Invitation

As you leave this space, carry the story with you.
From palm branches to empty tomb, from sorrow to hope,
this is not only Christ’s journey. It is ours.

Galatians 2:20

“It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives within me.”

***Please take a “little Jesus” as a reminder that Christ lives within all believers.
Grace and peace as you walk in the light of the resurrection.**

Thank you to the people of Barnesville First United Methodist Church
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And a special thank you to our curator, Eleanor Dixon Stecker.

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An Interactive Art Exhibit

March 31–April 3
3–7 PM

April 4
9 AM– Noon

Welcome to Barnesville First United Methodist Church.
You are invited to worship with us Sunday at 11:00 am.
Sunday School for all ages begins at 10:00 am.

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