

# **FAIRLINGTON** UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Welcoming. Nurturing. Serving.



March 29, 2024 at 7:30PM
Good Friday
Hymn or UMH: United Methodist Hymnal

Congregation reads the BOLD text

\* Please stand as able

TFWS: The Faith We Sing

## Worship in the Style of Taizé

Our service this evening will feature meditative singing, readings, prayers, and silence. The congregation is the choir for this service, so we encourage you to fully add your voice to our act of communal worship. To begin each song, the melody will be played/sung once through by the leaders and after that, we will sing it together multiple times. You will know it is time to stop when you hear the cantor sing "Amen."

In the middle of the service tonight will be an extended period of silence. This time will help to ground us and open ourselves to the Spirit's loving presence. Although it may feel awkward at first, we invite you to simply notice what might feel uncomfortable and perhaps turn your attention gently to your breath. Be aware of its rhythm. Allow yourself to be open to the moment to receive what God might be inviting.

#### OPENING PRAYER

Empathetic God, you came to earth to show love.

By your presence, we know that love.

By your wounds, we are healed.

Remind us when we are hurting, you know the way to healing.

In Christ's name, Amen.

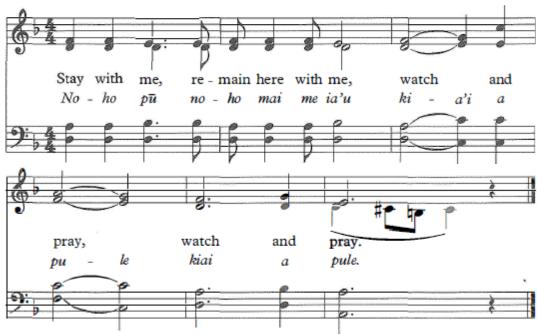
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#### Mark 14:32

They went to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples, "Sit here while I pray."

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# Stay with Me



## Luke 23:33-34

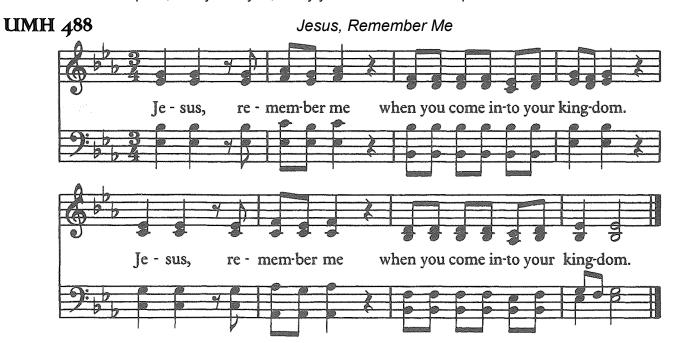
When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing.



## Luke 23:39-43

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying,

"Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come in your kingdom." He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise."



#### John 19:26-27

When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, "Woman, here is your son." Then he said to the disciple, "Here is your mother."

And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.



## Matthew 27:46

And about three o'clock Jesus cried with a loud voice, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" that is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"



## Long Silence

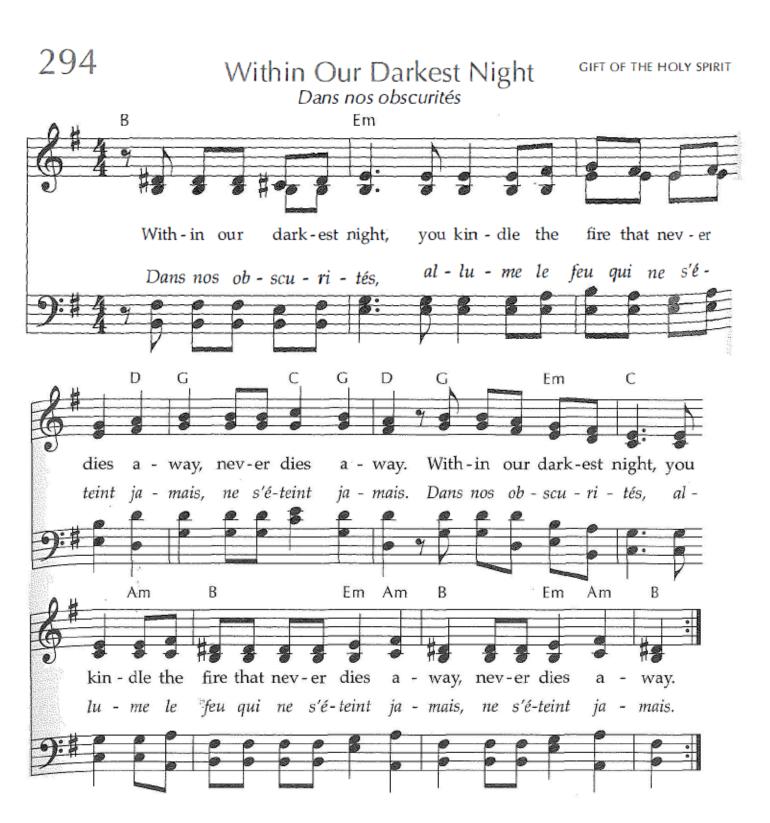
## John 19:28-29

After this, when Jesus knew that all was now finished, he said (in order to fulfill the scripture), "I am thirsty." A jar full of sour wine was standing there. So they put a sponge full of the wine on a branch of hyssop and held it to his mouth.



#### John 19:30

When Jesus had received the wine, he said, "It is finished." Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.



#### Luke 23:46

Then Jesus, crying out with a loud voice, said, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit." Having said this, he breathed his last.

Go in peace, knowing this is not the end of the story.

You are invited to leave the Sanctuary contemplatively and quietly in your own time.

Be aware that others may still be in meditation and prayer.

#### **Clergy and Staff**

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- Easter Sunrise Service\* (6:50AM) Led by Fairlington Youth in the Native Habitat
- Easter Worship Service (10:30AM) Easter Sunday worship service with communion. Special music by The King Street Brass Quintet, organ, piano, timpani, Jubilate Handbell Choir, & Chancel Choir.

\*ALL services (except the "Easter Sunrise Service") will be live streamed on FUMC's YouTube channel.

Easter Flower Cross: Help us decorate the Christ Cross on Easter Sunday. Bring your own greenery and flowers to fill the cross. We will have some flowers available for those who need them. Be sure to take your Easter pictures with the Cross and share them with us! (office@fairlingtonumc.org)













