



Good Friday

APRIL 3, 2026



Wilbraham United Church
"I am the vine, you are the branches."

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GOOD FRIDAY

12:00 Noon

PRELUDE

Organ: Wondrous Love

arr. A.V. Fedak

OPENING WORDS

Patti Colkos

Leader: Behold the cross on which hung the salvation of the world. Behold what Christ has sacrificed for us.

People: On this Good Friday, we come to better understand the darkness of this day, the suffering which was made to happen, the cruelty of our human reality, and the amazing gift that was given on our behalf. Thanks be to God.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Eternal God, We come before you knowing that this day represents a bleak day; a day of darkness and sin, a day when your son died for us. We do not like this day, for it is a reminder of the sin that we do and the brokenness that remains. But please Dear Lord, help us to see beyond this day, knowing that Jesus conquered death and doubt and opened the door to life anew. On this Good Friday, grant that we may grow closer to you and to each other, with a full understanding that it is the sacrifice and love of Jesus, which has truly redeemed the world. Amen

***HYMN #520 (UMH)**

Nobody Knows the Trouble I See

OLD TESTAMENT

Isaiah 52:13-53:12

NEW TESTAMENT

Hebrews 10: 16-25

MUSICAL SELECTION

Piano: Abide

J.B. Taylor

LITANY OF THE PASSION

Leader: Christ Jesus, in agony in the garden of Olives, troubled by sadness and fear, comforted by an angel:

People: O Lord, have mercy on me.

Leader: Christ Jesus, betrayed by Judas' kiss, abandoned by your apostles, delivered into the hands of sinners:

People: O Lord, have mercy on me.

Leader: Christ Jesus, accused by false witnesses, condemned to die on the cross, struck by servants, covered with spittle:

People: O Lord, have mercy on me.

Leader: Christ Jesus, disowned by Peter, your apostle, delivered to Pilate and Herod, counted among the likes of Barabbas:

People: O Lord, have mercy on me.

Leader: Christ Jesus, carrying your cross to Calvary, consoled by the daughters of Jerusalem, helped by Simon of Cyrene:

People: O Lord, have mercy on me.

Leader: Christ Jesus, stripped of your clothes, given vinegar to drink crucified with thieves:

People: O Lord, have mercy on me.

Leader: Christ Jesus, insulted on the cross, praying for your executioners, pardoning the good thief:

People: O Lord, have mercy on me.

Leader: Christ Jesus, entrusting your mother to your beloved disciple, giving up your spirit into the hands of your Father, dying for all of us sinners:

People: O Lord, have mercy on me.

Leader: By your sufferings, Lord, heal the wounds in our hearts. Let your tears be the source of joy for us, and let your death give us life.

People: O Lord, have mercy on me.

*HYMN #291 (UMH) verses 1, 2 & 5

He Never Said a Mumbalin' Word

GOSPEL

John 18: 1-19:42

SERMON

The Good Friday Meditation

Rev. Janet

*HYMN #288 (UMH)

Were You There

BENEDICTION

A TIME OF SILENT PRAYER

** All who are able to stand, may do so.*

Your gift to the church is gratefully received. A collection plate is available at the door of the Sanctuary. Feel free to leave your gift in the plate.

Thank you for joining us in worship today. Is this your first visit to United Church? Please sign a Pew Card if you wish to be kept up-to-date regarding activities at the church.

MINISTERING TO YOU TODAY

Pastor: Rev. Janet Sandquist-Skagerlind

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HOLY WEEK SERVICES

You are welcome to join us on Sunday morning for our Easter worship service at 10:00 AM. Following the service, our children are invited to an Easter Egg Hunt on the front lawn of the church (weather permitting!)