

**There is a Balm
A Good Friday Service
First United Methodist Church of Tipton
April 19, 2019**

GATHERING:

In silence and meditation

CALL TO WORSHIP:

ALL: Save me, O God. Do not let those who hope in you be put to shame because of me. Answer me, O Lord, for your steadfast love is good; according to your abundant mercy, turn to me. Do not hide your face from your servant, for I am in distress – make haste to answer me.

OPENING HYMN: “In the Cross of Christ I Glory”

. #295 UMH

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Contemporary):

We believe in God the creator of heaven and earth, the giver of light and truth, life and breath. We believe that nothing can separate us from the grace, love and mercy of God who never hesitates to forgive the repentant heart.

We believe in Jesus Christ, God in human vesture, who desired to be in this life with us, reaching out to love us into new life. We believe that he took upon himself our sin and regret, carrying these to the cross, where he gave himself unto eternity for our sakes. This was his ultimate gift to us. We believe that his death was not the end, and that he will come again one day.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, who speaks a fiery, passionate truth to all people, in every language. Our hearts are warmed and we become the living proof of God’s transforming presence. We believe that we are the church, the body of Christ, called to serve and to make a difference in God’s world.

THE LORD’S PRAYER (Contemporary):

Our Abba, Father, in heaven, holy, holy, holy is your name. May our kingdom come, and your will be done on earth as it most surely is in heaven. Give us this day the food we need and forgive us our sins as we forgive the sins of our neighbor. Guide us in right paths. Lead us away from temptation and keep us from evil; for yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

HYMN OF CONTRITION: “Ah, Holy Jesus” (v 1-3)

. #289 UMH

SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 23:26-38

THE SAMARITAN’S STORY

SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 23:39-43

HYMN OF CONTRITION: “Ah, Holy Jesus” (v 4-5)

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SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 23:44-49

THE WOMAN WITH THE ALABASTER FLASK – MYRA

OFFERTORY THOUGHT

Luke describes individuals casting lots after Jesus says, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.” Casting lots was a method used to foretell the future or determine something by chance. In Old Testament stories, priests threw painted dice or bones on the ground – cast lots - to determine which goat was to be sacrificed to the Lord and which goat would serve as the “scapegoat,” carrying upon its back all the sins of the children of Israel. The scapegoat was sent off into the wilderness alone. So as the soldiers cast lots near the cross, Jesus took on both roles of the Old Testament: as the sacrifice and as the one who carried our sins upon his back.

OFFERTORY

DOXOLOGY: "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven" #66 UMH

OFFERING PRAYER

ALL: Gracious God, we offer these gifts with humble hearts.
Bless them, we pray, to do your work and will in the
name of the Christ. Amen.

PREPARATION HYMN: "O Love Divine, What Hast
Thou Done" # 287 UMH (v 1-2)

SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 23:50-56

JOANNA, THE WIFE OF CHUZA

CLOSING HYMN: "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" #286 UMH

*(During the singing of this hymn, the single Christ candle that has
been burning on the altar is removed from the sanctuary as the
lights dim. Then the strepitus sounds, and slowly and solemnly the
Christ candle is returned to the altar.)*

BENEDICTION:

Go in peace to love and serve as never before.

POSTLUDE:

*(As you leave the sanctuary during the postlude, please observe the
solemnity of this occasion by departing in silence).*

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