

St. James United Church

March 30, 2018: 7pm
Good Friday Evening Worship

My Friend Jesus:

A Good Friday Service with St. James Youth Ministries and Sight Restored

St. James United Church is a safe place for all people to worship, regardless of race, creed, age, cultural background or sexual orientation. All are welcome.

Acknowledgement of the Land and Welcome

Call to Worship: (responsive)

One: The cross calls us

All: to wonder, to praise, and to pray.

One: The cross of Jesus calls us

All: to look back on a life of compassion.

One: The cross of Jesus, God's inspired one,

All: calls us to look back on a life of justice-seeking.

One: The cross of Jesus, God's beloved one,

All: calls us to look toward those who are crucified today.

Opening Prayer: (together) Almighty God, we would be lying to You and deceiving ourselves if we pretended to be joyful and satisfied tonight. We are not.

The violent pain that our friend Jesus endured makes us want to hide and wait until it is over; it makes us wish to ignore his wounds altogether.

Yet in the miracle of grace, You have drawn us here, along with millions of others around the earth, that we might remember Christ's covenant of grace. As we worship You tonight and undertake the ancient work of remembering, we ask that You open our hearts to feel anew exactly why this is called "Good Friday." This we ask. Amen.

Hymn: *Jesus Christ is Waiting*

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Mark 14: 10-11 Judas agrees to betray Jesus

Mark 14: 12-25 Passover with the disciples

Hymn: *Long Ago and Far Away* MV195

Mark 14: 26-31 Peter's Denial Foretold

Mark 14: 32-42 Jesus prays in Gethsemane

Hymn: *O God, Why Are You Silent?* v.1, 2 MV73

Mark 14: 43-52 Betrayal and arrest of Jesus

Mark 14: 53-65 Jesus before the Council

Mark 14: 66-72 Peter denies Jesus

Mark 15: 1-5 Jesus before Pilate

Mark 15: 6-15 Pilate hands Jesus over to be
 crucified

Mark 15: 16-32 Soldiers mock Jesus
 Crucifixion of Jesus

Hymn: *O God, Why Are You Silent?* V.3-5 MV73

Mark 15: 33-41 The death of Jesus

Mark 15: 42-47 The burial of Jesus

Hymn: *The Wonderful Cross*
 v.1, 3, 4 of *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* 149

Chorus: *O the wonderful cross, O the wonderful cross
 bids me come and die and find that I may truly live.
 O the wonderful cross, O the wonderful cross,
 all who gather here by grace draw near
 and bless Your name.*

Closing Prayer

*And the people leave in silence.
Offering plates are located at the exits.
Ushering this evening is provided by Jean Thompson,*

Gerry Mayo, Kevin Pardy, Marilyn Adams

Easter Services, Sunday, April 1, 2018

9am: Contemporary Service

11am: Easter Celebration Service with Communion

***Please join us on Easter morning for our Easter Egg Breakfast
after the 9am Service.***

Cost is a donation to the Youth Ministries