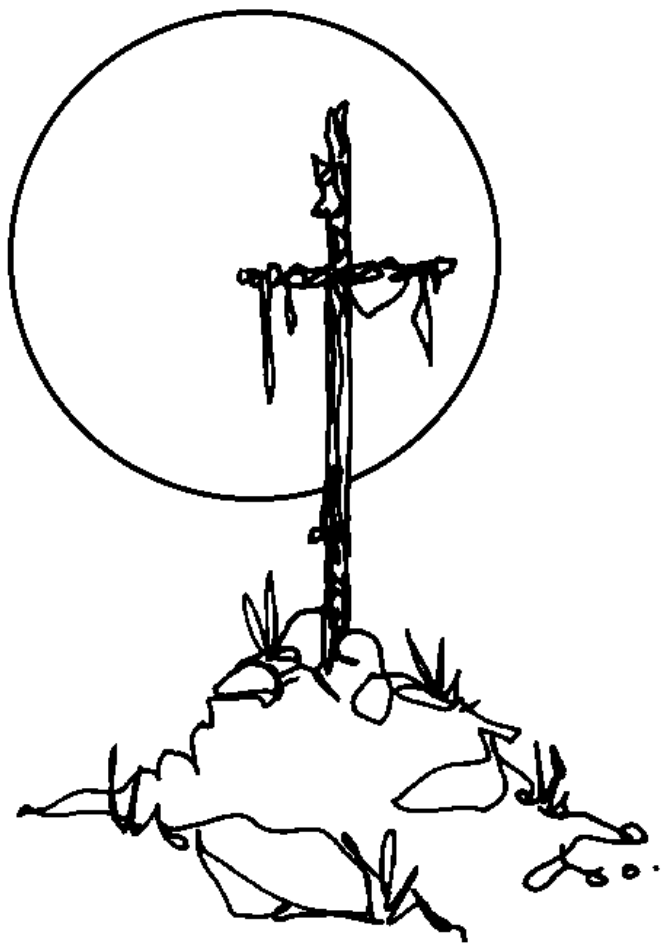


A SERVICE OF TENEBRAE



April 18, 2025

We are a Reconciling Congregation, welcoming all.

First United Methodist Church of Kalamazoo invites all persons to join us on our journey of faith. Jesus Christ calls us to be an inclusive church that exemplifies the Kingdom of God. We strive to move toward reconciling relationships with all, affirming those who are marginalized for any reason, including sexual orientation or gender identity. We welcome all with

open hearts, open minds, open doors.

GATHERING

We gather in silence

PRELUDE *Trivium III*

Arvo Pärt

GREETING

Leader: The Lord be with you

All: And also with you

Leader: Let us pray.

Almighty God,

**your Son Jesus Christ was lifted high upon the cross
so that he might draw the whole world to himself.**

Grant that we,

**who glory in this death for our salvation,
may also glory in his call to take up our cross
and follow him; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*HYMN #292 (UMH-red hymnal) *What Wondrous Love is This*

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Rev. Ed Ross

SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 23:39-43

One: This is what the spirit is saying to the church

All: **Thanks be to God**

MEDITATION “Remembering Jesus”

Rev. Matt Weiler

VIOLIN SOLO *Larghetto* from Sonata in D Major

G.F. Handel

THE PASSION STORY IN THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW

Lesson One: Jesus' Disciples fall asleep in the Garden

Matthew 26:36-46

Rev. Julie Kline

Refrain: *O brother Jesus, where have we left you,
Savior and Lover of all?*



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Lesson Two: Judas betrays Jesus with a kiss

Matthew 26:47-56

Solo *Largo* from Concerto in A Minor

A. Vivaldi

Lesson Three: Jesus before the Sanhedrin

Deb Search Willoughby

Matthew 26:57-68

*Hymn #298 *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

Lesson Four: Peter's denial

Matthew 26:69-75

Hymn #289 *Ah, Holy Jesus*

(treble voices sing v. 3, bass voices sing v. 4)

Lesson Five: Jesus before Pilate

Matthew 27:15-26

*Hymn #286 *O Sacred Head Now Wounded*

Lesson Six: The soldiers mock Jesus

Matthew 27:27-44

Hymn #288 vs. 1-3 *Were You There*

Lesson Seven: The death of Jesus

Matthew 27:45-50

*Hymn #288 vs. 4 & 5 *Were You There*

Lesson Eight: Surely he was the Son of God

Matthew 27:51-54

Silence

Please depart in silence

You are invited to go outside and view how the light from inside the sanctuary shines through the stained glass windows out into the community.

Easter Sunday worship

April 20 @ 10:00 am

Rev. Julie Kline

"Look for the Living"

Luke 24:1-12

We celebrate the resurrection of Christ with joyful worship enhanced by the spoken word, choirs, brass, and timpani.

Join us in singing Handel's *Hallelujah Chorus*.

Child care for children will be available on Easter in Room 208. Children's "Godly Play," for children ages 4 through 11, will be available after the children's message during the 10 am service.

Leading us in worship this evening

Rev. Matt Weiler

Rev. Julie Kline

Rev. Ed Ross

Deb Search Willoughby

Jacqueline Stilger, Director of Music

Bernie Foulk, Organist

James Saunders: Violin