



*Franconia United Methodist Church believes that everyone is a child of God.
 We welcome all people to worship, join in membership, serve in lay leadership,
 and actively participate in the life of the church.
 We welcome and affirm all persons without regard to gender, gender identity, race,
 sexual orientation, faith tradition, age, marital status, family structure,
 economic background, political affiliation, physical or mental ability or life experience.
 We commit to extend Christ's hospitality, creating a place of safety and sanctuary for all people.
 We recognize there are differences among us and although we may not think or look alike,
 we commit to respect and love one another as we are all the family of God.
 We further commit ourselves to loving acts of invitation, hospitality, and community,
 providing ministry to, for, and with all persons without exception,
 fostering a sense of belonging where people are respected and valued as beloved children of God.*

April 17 - Easter Morning Service (Outside) 7:30 am
 April 17 - Easter Service with Holy Communion 10:00 am

Staff:
 Reverend: Melissa Porter-Miller
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Good Friday Tenebrae Service
The Seven Last Words of Christ On The Cross
April 15, 2022
7:30 pm

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UMH – United Methodist Hymnal
***Stand as you are able**

Prelude *What Wondrous Love Is This*, Southern Harmony/Sanborn June Shuffett

Words of Welcome Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

***Call to Worship (Based on Isaiah 53)**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: We gather here to worship God.

People: We gather to remember how Jesus suffered and died for us and to thank God for His love and His mercy.

Pastor: Who would believe what we have heard?

People: God’s servant grew up like a young plant. Like a root out of dry ground He grew up before the Lord of hosts.

Pastor: Yet He was despised and rejected by others, a man suffering, acquainted with ridicule and rejection.

People: We held Him of no account, as one stricken and struck down by God.

Pastor: But He was wounded for our transgressions, and crushed for our iniquities.

People: All we, like sheep, have gone astray. We have all turned to our own way.

Pastor: By a perversion of justice He was taken away. Who could have imagined His future?

People: For He was cut off from the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of His people.

Pastor: Out of anguish, we shall see light.

People: The righteous one, God’s servant, shall make many righteous.

Pastor: Who would believe what we have heard?

***Hymn** *Ah, Holy Jesus* UMH 289

***Opening Prayer** Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

Pastor: Let us pray.

People: Merciful God, as we remember how Your Son Jesus bore our sins in His body on the cross, how seven times He spoke, seven words of love, we ask You to bless our hearing. Help us to understand the mystery of Your love, and make us into a people who are ever more worthy of it. AMEN.

THE SEVEN LAST WORDS OF CHRIST ON THE CROSS
music meditations by Colin Brumby
performed by the Wesley Singers with Linda and Jordan Biscardo

Hymn *Alas! And did My Savior Bleed* UMH 359

The First Word Luke 23:33-34a Pat Hobbs
Words of Reflection on The First Word Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller
Musical Meditation *Father, Forgive Them*
Extinguishing The First Candle

The Second Word Luke 23:39-43 Bruce Bartolain
Words of Reflection on The Second Word Sarah Chambers
Musical Meditation *Amen, I Say to Thee*
Extinguishing The Second Candle

The Third Word John 19:25-27 Pat Hobbs
Words of Reflection on the Third Word Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller
Musical Meditation *Women, Behold Your Son*
Extinguishing The Third Candle

The Fourth Word Mark 15:33-34 Bruce Bartolain
Words of Reflection on the Fourth Word Sarah Chambers
Musical Meditation *My God, My God*
Extinguishing The Fourth Candle

The Fifth Word John 19:28-29 Pat Hobbs
Words of Reflection on the Fifth Word Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller
Musical Meditation *I Thirst*
Extinguishing The Fifth Candle

The Sixth Word John 19:30a Bruce Bartolain
Words of Reflection on the Sixth Word Sarah Chambers
Musical Meditation *It is Finished*
Extinguishing The Candle

The Seventh Word Luke 23:46 Pat Hobbs
Words of Reflection on the Seventh Word Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller
Musical Meditation *Father, into Thy Hands*
Extinguishing The Seventh Candle

Silent Meditation

Musical Meditation *Were You There* Kevin Lackie

Depart in Silence