

# GOOD FRIDAY COMMUNITY WORSHIP

CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH • APRIL 14, 2017 • 12:15 PM

*Together in Christ, Reaching Beyond Our Doors.*

PRELUDE "Adagio for Strings" Samuel Barber

WELCOME Rev. Chris Lane, Central UMC

CALL TO WORSHIP  
One: From the busy-ness of our lives  
we have come here on a day that is different.  
**All: In the midst of the world  
which holds the promise of spring and new life,  
we have come to share a story of betrayal and execution.**  
One: Come and hear the tale, come and share the tragedy,  
come and embrace the darkness.

UNISON OPENING PRAYER  
**God of Light, God of Shadow, in our time together today,  
keep us aware of your presence in the darkness,  
help us to see meaning in this terrible story,  
and keep the fire of hope alive in our hearts.  
This we pray in the name of Jesus of Nazareth,  
the one who lived with a great passion for your way,  
the one whose death is nigh,  
the one who teaches us in this hour how to take up our cross. Amen.**

\*HYMN "Go to Dark Gethsemane" No. 290 (vs.1-3)

## FIRST WORD (12:25 - 12:45 P.M.)

SCRIPTURE "Father, forgive them" Luke 23:26-34a

MEDITATION Rev. Jody Betten, New Waves UCC

PRAYER

\*HYMN "Grace Greater than Our Sin" No. 365 9vs. 1-3)

## *INTERLUDE*

## SECOND WORD (12:45 - 1:05 P.M.)

SCRIPTURE "Today you will be with me in paradise" Luke 23:34b-43

MEDITATION Rev. Paul Busekist, Bethlehem Lutheran Church

PRAYER

\*HYMN "What Wondrous Love Is This" No. 292

## *INTERLUDE*

## THIRD WORD (1:05 - 1:25 P.M.)

SCRIPTURE "Woman, here is your son" John 19:25-27

MEDITATION Rev. Gary Hogue, First Congregational Church

PRAYER

\*HYMN "Beneath the Cross of Jesus" No. 297

## *INTERLUDE*

## FOURTH WORD (1:25 - 1:45 P.M.)

SCRIPTURE "My God, why have you forsaken me?" Matthew 27:45-46

MEDITATION Rev. Dale Ostema, Central UMC

PRAYER

SPECIAL MUSIC "Were You There?" Dave Chrostek, soloist

## *INTERLUDE*

## FIFTH WORD 1:45 - 2:05 P.M.

SCRIPTURE "I am thirsty" John 19:28-29

MEDITATION Rev. Kathy Snedeker, Traverse Bay UMC

PRAYER

\*HYMN "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" No. 298

## *•• INTERLUDE ••*

## SIXTH WORD (2:05 - 2:25 P.M.)

SCRIPTURE "It is finished" John 19:30

MEDITATION Rev. Mary Beth Robertson, First Baptist Church

PRAYER

\*HYMN "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" No. 286

## *•• INTERLUDE ••*

## SEVENTH WORD (2:25 - 2:50 P.M.)

SCRIPTURE "Into your hands I commend my spirit" Luke 23:44-49

MEDITATION Rev. Bill Myers, The Presbyterian Church

PRAYER

\*HYMN "Lift High the Cross" No. 159

\*UNISON PRAYER Rev. Chris Lane, Central UMC

**Christ Jesus you hung upon a cross and died for us,  
So that we might live for you.  
Your body was broken and your blood shed,  
So that we might be healed and made whole.  
You were faithful unto death,  
So that we might be faithful unto life.  
Your last command was that we might love one another,  
One family together from every tribe and nation,  
A new creation united through your sacrifice.  
Redeemed by your blood,  
Healed by your love,  
United by your covenant of peace.  
In your death may we now find life.**

\*BENEDICTION Rev. Dale Ostema, Central UMC

\*POSTLUDE "O Man, Bewail Thy Grievous Fall" J.S. Bach

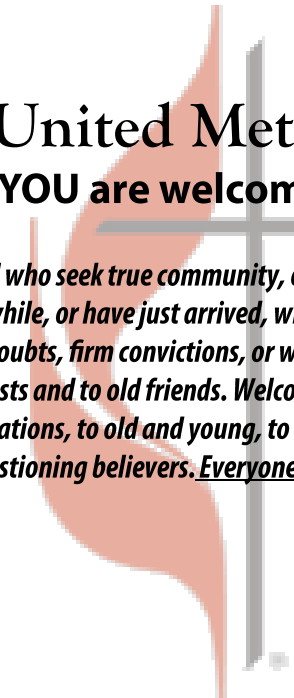
\*Stand to sing as you are able.

*As you leave this worship service,  
you are invited to take a nail from the basket at the cross  
in the rear of the Sanctuary.  
Let it be a symbol  
of what you need to take from, or leave at,  
the cross of Christ today.*



# Central United Methodist Church YOU are welcome HERE!

*Welcome to all who seek true community, or who have no church home, who have been here awhile, or have just arrived, who need strength, who want to follow Christ, who have doubts, firm convictions, or who aren't sure what they believe. Welcome to new guests and to old friends. Welcome to people of all colors, cultures, abilities, orientations, to old and young, to believers and questioners and welcome to questioning believers. Everyone is welcome at Central Church.*



### WORSHIP NOTES:

**Welcome to this Good Friday service.**  
If you are unable to remain for the entire service, please leave during one of the interludes.

The offering received today will go to support  
**Michael's Place**  
*Michael's Place serves grieving children, teens, adults and families throughout northern Michigan with innovative and compassionate support programs designed to ease the impact of loss.*

Offering plates are at the door as you leave.  
Please make checks Payable to CUMC.

Thank you to all the pastors, musicians and churches participating in this service.

**Music:** Dave Chrostek, soloist; Tom Bara, organist;

*They know not  
what they do...*

