



RIVERBEND UNITED CHURCH

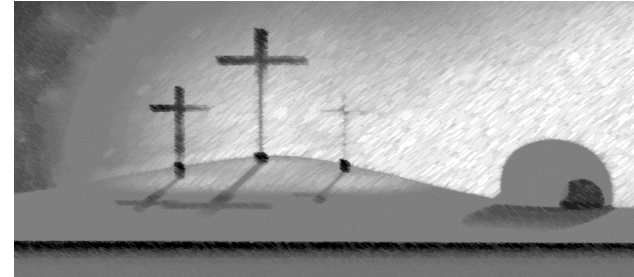
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**Good Friday – April 7th, 2023
10:30 a.m.**

The 7 last words of Christ



Prelude

Call to Worship

Opening Hymn *There is a Green Hill Far Away* VU 152

Unison Prayer

**God of grace in grief and suffering,
be with us as we gather in the shadow of the cross
and hear Jesus' last words.**

**We would not choose to be brought face to face
with this instrument of torture and death.
Yet we are called to be here,
to face the ways we ignore him —
denying those in need, using our power over others,
failing to love our neighbor.**

**Forgive us, we pray, for turning our backs on the suffering
of the world.
May we trust that you are here with us,
that you lead us through this darkest night.**

**Free us by the unbending faith and uncompromising love
of Christ,
that we too may rise from our night into the dawn.**

In his holy name we pray, Amen.

Hymn	<i>Jesus Remember Me</i>	VU 148
Scripture:	Luke 23:34	
Hymn	<i>Jesus Remember Me</i>	VU 148
Scripture	Luke 23:43	
Hymn	<i>Jesus Remember Me</i>	VU 148
Scripture	John 19: 26-27	
Hymn	<i>O Sacred Head Now Wounded</i> vss 1-2	VU 145
Scripture	Matthew 27: 46	
Anthem	<i>A Shadow Fell On Sharon's Rose (Martin)</i>	
Scripture	John 19:28	
Hymn	<i>What Wondrous Love</i> vss 1-2	VU 147
Scripture	John 19:30	
Hymn	<i>What Wondrous Love</i> vss 3-4	VU 147
Scripture	Luke 23:46	
Hymn	<i>Were You There</i>	VU 144

You are invited to leave in silence when ready.