



Good Friday, April 18, 2025

Join us for Worship at Riverbend United Church at 10:30 a.m. on Good Friday, April 18th or [click here](#) for our live-streamed service on You Tube.

April 17, 2025

A note from Valerie

Today is Maundy Thursday, when Jesus shares the Last Supper with his disciples just before being betrayed and arrested. This evening, as we sit for dinner, perhaps we can pause for a moment and envision ourselves at that table with him.

If you're able, I hope you'll join us tomorrow morning for Good Friday worship as we hear and sing the painful, ever so sacred story of Jesus going to the cross for the sake of love. Sitting in this part of the story makes Easter all the more meaningful.

In the meantime, I want to share this (please see p. 2) from Jan Richardson.

Peace on this holy weekend,

Valerie

Reading from the Gospels, Good Friday:

[John 18.1-19.42](#)

There they crucified him.
—John 18.18

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Please click here for the Good Friday [Order of Service](#)
- This week's Announcements are available [here](#).



What Abides
For Good Friday

You will know
this blessing
by how it
does not stay still,
by the way it
refuses to rest
in one place.

You will recognize it
by how it takes
first one form,
then another:
now running down
the face of the mother
who watches the breaking
of the child
she had borne,
now in the stance
of the woman
who followed him here
and will not leave him
bereft.

Now it twists in anguish
on the mouth of the friend
whom he loved;
now it bares itself
in the wound,
the cry,
the finishing and
final breath.

This blessing
is not in any one
of these alone.

It is what
binds them
together.

It is what dwells
in the space
between them,
though it be torn
and gaping.

It is what abides
in the tear
the rending makes.