Prelude  “Via Dolorosa”  Bill Sprague and Niles Borop

*Greeting

*Call to Worship
Leader: We gather tonight in the shadow of the Cross.
People: Evil abounds. Jesus goes forth to suffer and die.
Leader: How we tremble with fear!
People: How we weep.
Leader: Why have we forsaken Him?
People: Why have we betrayed and run from his Passion?
Leader: Lord, have mercy upon us.
People: Christ, have mercy upon us.

*Opening Hymn  “O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”  No. 286

*Opening Prayer
O God of infinite love and power, we gather together on this Good Friday to reflect on the passion of the Christ. We are utterly humbled in the presence of such love and mercy. Open our hearts this day to the goodness of Good Friday and fill us with your love and powerful Spirit of Holiness. Remove from us all sin. Offer us anew this Life in Christ that makes all things new. Amen.

Scripture Lesson  John 18:1-19:42

Anthem  “Embrace the Cross”  Sung by: Choir

The Passion of Jesus Christ – Jesus Last Words

Reading 1 – Luke 23:34  
2 candles are extinguished.
Hymn: “Were You There”  No. 288 v. 1

Reading 2 – Luke 23:43  
2 candles are extinguished.
Hymn: “Were You There”  No. 288 v. 1

Reading 3 – John 19:25-27  
2 candles are extinguished.
Hymn: “Were You There”  No. 288 v. 2

Reading 4 – Mark 15:34  
2 candles are extinguished.
Hymn: “Were You There”  No. 288 v. 2

Reading 5 – John 19:28  
2 candles are extinguished.
Hymn: “Were You There”  No. 288 v. 3

Reading 6 – John 19:30a  
2 candles are extinguished.
Hymn: “Were You There”  No. 288 v. 4

Reading 7 – Luke 23:46  
2 candles are extinguished.
Hymn: “Were You There”  No. 288 v. 4

Evening Meditation  Pastor Jane Piehl

Closing Hymn  “Were You There”  No. 288 v. 5

Leader:
Go in peace, may Jesus Christ, who, for our sake, became obedient unto death, even death on a cross, keep you, and strengthen you this night and forever.  Amen.

Depart in Silence

*Indicates congregation to stand.
Jane Piehl  
Pastor

Millie Frambaugh  
Music Director, Pianist

Bill Baldwin  
Greeters

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**Easter Sunday**

Sunrise Service  
7a  
Greenleaf Park, rain or shine

Easter Breakfast  
8:30a  
at Sharon Center UMC

Easter Service  
10:30a  
at Sharon Center UMC