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# LUKE

In the Crucifixion, Jesus identified with the outcasts. He died as a criminal, an outlaw, and even unto death he was seeking to save the lost.

*Join us in worship this Sunday as we explore Luke's account of the Crucifixion and see how Jesus continues to lift up the lowly.*

JESUS AND THE OUTSIDERS,  
OUTCASTS, AND OUTLAWS

*“To all who mourn and need comfort,  
to all who are tired and need rest,  
to all who are lonely and need companionship,  
to all who sin and need a Savior, and to all who will,  
this church opens wide its doors.”*

# Good Friday

## “Crucified with the Outlaws”

April 7, 2023

Isaiah 52:13-53:12; Hebrews 10:16-25; Psalm 22 (UMH 752); Luke 23:32-49

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### Gathering

Please gather in silence.

### Welcome & Registration of Attendance

Good evening. I greet you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. I welcome you to our time of worship today. I welcome those who are present with us in the sanctuary as well as those worshipping online via our Facebook and YouTube pages.

We are tracking our attendance, so thank you in advance to all who will let us know that you have watched or read our service this morning. Please email our Administrative Assistant at [tappmethodist@gmail.com](mailto:tappmethodist@gmail.com), with your attendance information.

This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it!!

### \* Opening Hymn

“Go to Dark Gethsemane”

UMH # 290, v. 1-3

1. Go to dark Gethsemane,  
ye that feel the tempter's power;  
your Redeemer's conflict see,  
watch with him one bitter hour.  
Turn not from his griefs away;  
learn of Jesus Christ to pray.
2. See him at the judgment hall,  
beaten, bound, reviled, arraigned;  
O the wormwood and the gall!  
O the pangs his soul sustained!  
Shun not suffering, shame, or loss;  
learn of Christ to bear the cross.
3. Calvary's mournful mountain climb;  
there, adoring at his feet,  
mark that miracle of time,  
God's own sacrifice complete.  
"It is finished!" hear him cry;  
learn of Jesus Christ to die.

### \* Call to Worship (Adapted from Luke 23:32-46)

On the cross, Jesus died as an outlaw. He was counted among the criminals.

**Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.**

On the cross, Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they don’t know what they’re doing.”

**Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.**

On the cross, Jesus said to the thief, “Today you will be with me in paradise.”

**Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.**

On the cross, Jesus said, “Father, into your hands I entrust my life.”

**Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.**

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### \* Opening Prayer

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

God of sorrows, as we walk this path of sorrow today, comfort us in our despair. Strengthen us and give us courage for the journey, for we know there will be times when we stumble and fall. In faith and hope, we pray. Amen.

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### **Prayer of Confession**

**Lord God, as we search our hearts through this season of Lent, we confess that we have sinned. We have turned away from those in need. We have not lifted up the lowly. We have strayed from your will. We have failed to do the things you have called us to do. We have looked on others with judgment rather than compassion. Forgive us, we pray. Lift us out of our sin and fill our hearts with your goodness and love. See us as we are. Show us mercy and remember us today. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, your Son. Amen.**

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### **The Declaration of Pardon**

Hear the good news:

Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;

That proves God's love toward us.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God. Amen.**

### **Passing of the Peace**

May the peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you!**

### **The Scripture Reading**

**Isaiah 52:13-53:12**

**pp. 683-684**

*<sup>13</sup>See, my servant shall prosper; he shall be exalted and lifted up, and shall be very high. <sup>14</sup>Just as there were many who were astonished at him—so marred was his appearance, beyond human semblance, and his form beyond that of mortals—<sup>15</sup>so he shall startle many nations; kings shall shut their mouths because of him; for that which had not been told them they shall see, and that which they had not heard they shall contemplate.*

**53** *Who has believed what we have heard? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? <sup>2</sup>For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him. <sup>3</sup>He was despised and rejected by others; a man of suffering and acquainted with infirmity; and as one from whom others hide their faces he was despised, and we held him of no account.*

*<sup>4</sup>Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted. <sup>5</sup>But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed. <sup>6</sup>All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. <sup>7</sup>He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. <sup>8</sup>By a perversion of justice he was taken away. Who could have imagined his future? For he was cut off from the land of the living, stricken for the transgression*

of my people. <sup>9</sup>They made his grave with the wicked and his tomb with the rich, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth.

<sup>10</sup>Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him with pain. When you make his life an offering for sin, he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days; through him the will of the LORD shall prosper. <sup>11</sup>Out of his anguish he shall see light; he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge. The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. <sup>12</sup>Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he poured out himself to death, and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

**Hebrews 10:16-25**

**pp. 224-225**

<sup>16</sup>“This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord: I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds,” <sup>17</sup>he also adds, “I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.” <sup>18</sup>Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.

<sup>19</sup>Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, <sup>20</sup>by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), <sup>21</sup>and since we have a great priest over the house of God, <sup>22</sup>let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. <sup>23</sup>Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. <sup>24</sup>And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, <sup>25</sup>not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

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The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

\* **Psalter**

**Psalm 22**

**UMH # 752**

<sup>1</sup>My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

**Why are you so far from helping me, from the words of my groaning?**

<sup>2</sup>O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer;

**and by night, but find no rest.**

<sup>3</sup>Yet you, the praise of Israel, are enthroned in holiness.

**<sup>4</sup>In you our forebears trusted; they trusted, and you delivered them.**

<sup>5</sup>To you they cried, and were saved;

**in you they trusted, and were not disappointed.**

<sup>6</sup>But I am a worm, and not human;

**scorned by others, and despised by the people.**

<sup>7</sup>All who see me mock at me;

**they make mouths at me, they wag their heads;**

<sup>8</sup>“He committed his cause to the Lord; let the Lord deliver him. Let the Lord rescue him, for the Lord delights in him!”

**<sup>9</sup>Yet it was you who took me from the womb; you kept me safe upon my mother’s breast.**

<sup>10</sup>Upon you I was cast from my birth, and since my mother bore me, you have been my God.

**<sup>11</sup>Do not be far from me, for trouble is near and there is none to help.**

<sup>12</sup>Many bulls encompass me, strong bulls of Bashan surround me;  
<sup>13</sup>**they open wide their mouths at me, like a ravening and roaring lion.**

<sup>14</sup>I am poured out like water,  
**and all my bones are out of joint;**  
my heart is like wax,  
**it is melted within my breast;**

<sup>15</sup>my mouth is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue cleaves to my jaws;  
**you lay me in the dust of death.**

<sup>16</sup>Indeed, dogs surround me;  
**a company of evildoers encircles me; they have pierced my hands and feet -**

<sup>17</sup>I can count all my bones -  
**they stare and gloat over me;**

<sup>18</sup>they divide my garments among them,  
**and for my raiment, they cast lots.**

<sup>25</sup>From you comes my praise in the great congregation;  
**my vows I will pay before those who worship the Lord.**

<sup>26</sup>The poor shall eat and be satisfied;  
**those who seek the Lord shall praise the Lord! May your hearts live for ever!**

<sup>27</sup>All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord;  
**and all the families of the nations shall worship before the Lord.**

<sup>28</sup>For dominion belongs to the Lord who rules over the nations.  
<sup>29</sup>**All who sleep in the earth shall bow down to the Lord.**

All who go down to the dust shall bow before the Lord, and I shall live for God.  
<sup>30</sup>**Posterity shall serve the Lord;**  
each generation shall tell of the Lord, <sup>31</sup>and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn.  
**Surely the Lord has done it.**

### The Gloria Patri

*Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen. Amen.*

### \* Gospel

**Luke 23:32-49**

**pg. 89**

<sup>32</sup>*Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. <sup>33</sup>When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. <sup>34</sup>Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing. <sup>35</sup>And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" <sup>36</sup>The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, <sup>37</sup>and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" <sup>38</sup>There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews." <sup>39</sup>One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" <sup>40</sup>But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? <sup>41</sup>And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." <sup>42</sup>Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." <sup>43</sup>He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."*

<sup>44</sup>It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, <sup>45</sup>while the sun's light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. <sup>46</sup>Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit." Having said this, he breathed his last. <sup>47</sup>When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said, "Certainly this man was innocent." <sup>48</sup>And when all the crowds who had gathered there for this spectacle saw what had taken place, they returned home, beating their breasts. <sup>49</sup>But all his acquaintances, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.

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This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

### **Prayer before the Sermon**

May the words of my mouth and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable in thy sight, O God our rock and our redeemer. Amen.

### **The Sermon**

**"Crucified with the Outlaws"**

**Rev. Rebecca L. Minor**

### **\* Hymn of Response**

**"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"**

**UMH # 298, v. 1 & 4**

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| <p><b>1.</b> When I survey the wondrous cross<br/>on which the Prince of Glory died,<br/>my richest gain I count but loss,<br/>and pour contempt on all my pride.</p> | <p><b>4.</b> Were the whole realm of nature mine,<br/>that were an offering far too small;<br/>love so amazing, so divine,<br/>demands my soul, my life, my all.</p> |
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### **\* Affirmation of Faith (Adapted from Luke 1:46-55)**

**With all my heart I glorify the Lord!**

**In the depths of my soul I rejoice in God my savior.**

**God has looked with favor on those of low status.**

**The mighty one has done great things for us.**

**God shows mercy to everyone,**

**from one generation to the next.**

**God scatters those with arrogant thoughts and proud inclinations,**

**and welcomes sinners and outcasts.**

**God pulls the powerful down from their thrones**

**and lifts up the lowly.**

**God fills the hungry with good things**

**and sends the rich away empty-handed.**

**There is rejoicing in heaven when sinners repent,**

**when those who are lost have been found.**

**For the Son of Man came to seek and save the lost.**

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### **The Lord's Prayer**

**Our father, who art in heaven,**

**hallowed be thy name.**

**Thy kingdom come,**

**thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread.**

**And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
forever. Amen.**

**\* Closing Hymn**

***“Were You There”***

**UMH # 288**

1. Were you there when they crucified my Lord?  
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?  
Oh! sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
2. Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?  
Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?  
Oh! sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
3. Were you there when they pierced him in the side?  
Were you there when they pierced him in the side?  
Oh! sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
4. Were you there when the sun refused to shine?  
Were you there when the sun refused to shine?  
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when the sun refused to shine?
5. Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?  
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?  
Oh! sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

**\* Benediction**

**\* Postlude**

***“O the Lamb”***

*Please leave in silence as we await the coming resurrection.*



**Thank you for joining us in worship.**

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