

*New Hope United Methodist Church*  
*April 3, 2026*  
*Good Friday*

PRELUDE AND SILENT MEDITATION

GREETING

CANDLE LIGHTING on screen

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD / SERVICE OF TENEBRAE

FIRST READING Luke 22:47-53 NRSV 82 (NT)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Leader:* Holy God, we can easily see ourselves in any number of the people surrounding Jesus in his final days. We are Judas, betraying what we hold most dear for status, wealth, and security. We are the soldiers, using our power to maintain the status quo which serves us. We are the disciples, brandishing our weapons to fight violence with violence.

***People: God of Peace, forgive us.***

HYMN "Go to Dark Gethsemane" UMH 290 v. 2, 3

SECOND READING Luke 23:13-25 NRSV 83 (NT)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Leader:* Holy God, we are the high priest's servant, victims of a world hell-bent on winning. We are Herod, finding our entertainment at the expense of other people's dignity. We are Pilate, excusing ourselves from the blame that is rightfully ours. We are the crowd, foaming at the mouth and demanding blood, and we are Barabbas, our lives spared while others are crucified.

***People: God of Peace, forgive us.***

*Leader:* Forgive us, we pray, for the parts we have played. Set us free from the sin that chokes the world, threatening to extinguish all that is good and beautiful. Break the cycles of violence, step into the machinery of a world fueled by division and disrupt us. Forgive us, Prince of Peace. Kyrie eleison. Have mercy on us. Amen.

HYMN "What Wondrous Love is This?" UMH 292 v. 1, 2

THIRD READING Luke 23:33-38 NRSV 83-84 (NT)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

HYMN "Old Rugged Cross" UMH 504 v. 1, 3

FOURTH READING Luke 23:44-46 NRSV 84 (NT)

HYMN "Were You There?" UMH 288 v. 1, 4

DISMISSAL IN SILENCE

You are invited to spend some time in contemplation  
in The Garden after worship

*A special thank you to the Wednesday Night Bible  
Study group and to Rich Torpin for their work setting  
up the prayer garden in Magee Parlor*

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