



**GATEWAY UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH**

301 Diamond Street, Fairmont WV 26554

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The Celebration of Worship

*Let us worship the Spirit in silence – Be still and know
that I am God*

Order of Worship

Good Friday - April 3, 2026
Sanctuary is Dim - Silence is Observed

Prelude

“Were You There”

Prayer

Most gracious God, look with mercy upon your children gathered here for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was betrayed, given into sinful hands, and suffered death upon the cross. Strengthen our faith and forgive our betrayals as we enter the way of His passion, through Him who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, forever and ever. Amen.

The Call

L: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Shadow of Betrayal
1st candle extinguished

Luke 22:1-6

Shadow of the Agony of the Spirit
2nd candle extinguished

Matthew 26:36-44

The Shadow of Arrest
Jesus is arrested.
3rd candle extinguished

Mark 14:43-49

Shadow of Desertion
4th candle extinguished

Mark 14:50 66-72

Shadow of Accusation
5th candle extinguished

Matthew 27:11-18 21-26

The Shadow of Crucifixion and Humiliation
6th candle extinguished

Matthew 27: 27-37

Shadow of Death
7th candle is extinguished

Matthew 27: 45-54

Silence is observed

CROSS IS COVERED WITH BLACK CLOTH AND CARRIED
OUT ALONG WITH THE EXTINGUISHED 7TH CANDLE

Dismissal

May Jesus Christ, who for our sake became obedient unto death, even death on a cross keep you and strengthen you now and forever. Amen.

The Empty Tomb

20 Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. **2** So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!"

3 So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. **4** Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. **5** He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in. **6** Then Simon Peter came along behind him and went straight into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, **7** as well as the cloth that had been wrapped around Jesus' head. The cloth was still lying in its place, separate from the linen. **8** Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. **9** (They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.) **10** Then the disciples went back to where they were staying.

Jesus Appears to Mary Magdalene

11 Now Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb **12** and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus' body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot.

13 They asked her, "Woman, why are you crying?"

"They have taken my Lord away," she said, "and I don't know where they have put him." **14** At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus.

15 He asked her, "Woman, why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?"

Thinking he was the gardener, she said, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him."

16 Jesus said to her, "Mary."

She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means "Teacher").

17 Jesus said, "Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'"

18 Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: "I have seen the Lord!" And she told them that he had said these things to her.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Bob Dicken, Faye Dodd, Rusty Freeland, Mary Beth Furbee, Carol Hall, Ezra Hall, Lisa Kerns
Jeff Kerns, Linda Lomicka, Charlotte Merriman, Sally Morrison, Dan Ross, Madalee Wilson

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 5 – Sunrise service and Breakfast – 6:30am

Easter service – 10am

April 6 – Mary Priscilla meeting – 4pm

April 12 – Prayer Team meeting – 11am

April 14 – Trustee meeting – 10:30am - Lounge

April 18 – Brush for Brunch – 11am

April 19 – Taco Sunday

April 25 – GUMM Breakfast

MARCH ATTENDANCE

March 1 - 72

March 8 - 85

March 15 - 79

March 22 – 89

March 29 – 94

SPRING HAS ARRIVED

We are now in the season when both heating and cooling may be needed. In our homes we turn on the appropriate switch. In our church the boiler and its thermostat are not that simple to control, The boiler will be turned off starting April first since AC will typically be needed more than heating. There will likely be a few times when the sanctuary is cool. Please dress accordingly for the temperature variations.

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Loose Change/Food Pantry Collection

Loose change (coins only) – Honey Bag

Items for April – pancake mix/syrup