



Good Friday  
Community Service



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***April 3rd, 2026 at 1:00pm  
First United Presbyterian Church  
555 Bingham Avenue  
Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783***

# Welcome to the First United Presbyterian Church. We are happy to have you here today, as we gather for the annual Good Friday Community Service.

The following from the First United Presbyterian Church will be taking part in today's service:

Rev. Mark Gabbard

Brenda Ransom, CRE (Commissioned Ruling Elder)

Melissa Gabbard

First United Presbyterian Church Choir

Kay Boyne (Organist)

Jill Halsey (Piano)

David Blackburn (Guitar)



## General Service Information

**Bold** indicates congregation participation.

A cross (✠) preceding a service element indicates the congregation should stand.

Hearing assistance devices are available in the Narthex.



Please silence all electronics prior to worship service. Thank you.



PRELUDE

“Beneath the Cross of Jesus”  
Piano: Hill Halsey

(Mansfield)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Mark Gabbard

Blessed be the name of the Lord our God,  
**Who redeems us from sin and death.**

For us and for our salvation, Christ became obedient  
unto death, even death on a cross.

**Blessed be the name of the Lord.**



**HYMN**

“In the Cross of Christ I Glory “

**#328**

A LITANY FOR GOOD FRIDAY

Rev. Mark Gabbard

Our Savior now enters the valley of the shadow of death where evil waits  
in savage glee.

**Lord, hold your child in your arms, even as his arms, stretched wide on a  
cross, embrace us.**

Our Savior submits now to the worst that all the powers of earth and hell  
can array against him.

**Lord, hold your child in your arms even as his arms, stretched wide on a  
cross, embrace us.**

Our Savior suffers by human wiles twisted in torture yet  
intercedes on behalf of the good of all.

**Lord, hold your child in your arms even as his arms, stretched wide on a  
cross, embrace us.**

Though we stand at a distance, we pray with our Lord.

**Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

We pray for all in the world who know the trauma of death's ever-stalking  
presence and destruction's delight in feeding upon our fear.

**Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

We pray for all who scoff at this cross because they have been wounded  
by it or because they do not understand.

**Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

We pray for ourselves, who choose to stand at a distance, afraid to enter  
into the full mystery of your redemptive power.

**Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

In this trembling hour of terror, O God, grant us faith:

**that we may continue to trust in your presence, even when defeat and  
despair triumph.**

In this hour of dread, grant us hope:

**that, though our Lord is dead and buried, his spirit of compassion may**

**remain with us.**

Through your grace, help us to believe

**that your faithfulness will triumph even when our faith flees and darkness rules the day.**

This we ask through Christ, your Son, our brother, and Lord. **Amen.**

OPENING PRAYER		Brenda Ransom CRE
SCRIPTURE	Luke 22:39-54a	Brenda Ransom CRE
ANTHEM		Presbyterian Choir (Liebergen)
	“Face to Face at Calvary”	
SCRIPTURE	Luke 22:54b-65	Rev. Mark Gabbard
✠ HYMN	“O Sacred Head Now Wounded”	#316
SCRIPTURE	Luke 22:66-23:7	Rev. Mark Gabbard
ANTHEM		Presbyterian Choir (Blake)
	“O Wondrous Cross! O Love Divine!”	
SCRIPTURE	Luke 23:8-12	Brenda Ransom CRE
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE		Brenda Ransom CRE
SCRIPTURE	Luke 23:13-25	Melissa Gabbard
SCRIPTURE	Isaiah 53	Melissa Gabbard
✠ HYMN	“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”	#324
SCRIPTURE	Luke 23:32-49	Brenda Ransom CRE
✠ HYMN	“Were You There?”	#315
✠ BENEDICTION		Brenda Ransom CRE
✠ POSTLUDE		Kay Boyne (Tchaikovsky)
	“March To The Cross”	