



**An invitation to stand, for those who are able*

Gathering Music

Centering Silence & Prayer

Prelude "Nocturne No. 1" *Bloch*

Words of Welcome

***Call to Worship** *(adapted from a poem by Ted Loder)*

Holy One, as we gather to worship you,
***shock and heal us with the terrible goodness of
this Friday.***

Drive us deep into our longing for your kingdom.
***Not first for ourselves, but for the hungry and the sick
and the poor of your children.***

Drive us deep into our longing for your kingdom.
***Not first for ourselves, but for those on this Mother
Earth who know far more of terror than of goodness.***

Drive us deep into our longing for your kingdom.
***Not first for ourselves, but so that all may know that
nothing in life or death has the power to separate us
from your love.***

Holy One,
***We praise and worship you for the terrible goodness of
this Friday.***

***Opening Hymn** "To Mock Your Reign" #278

Jesus Prays, the Disciples Sleep Mark 14:32-42

Words of Reflection

Song "Stay With Me" (3x)

***Stay with me, remain here with me.
Watch and pray, watch and pray***

Reading "Gethsemane" *Mary Oliver*

The Betrayal and Arrest of Jesus Mark 14:43-50

Choral Anthem "When I Survey" *Forman*

Peter Denies Jesus Mark 14:66-72

Song "Stay With Me" (3x)

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Jesus Sentenced to Death Mark 15:1-20

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Jesus is Crucified Mark 15:25-32

Special Music "Were you There"

Jesus Dies Mark 15:33-39

Reading "Still" *Jan Richardson*

Silent Reflection

*At any time during the service, you are invited to place a
stone on the floor of the cross as a symbol of your prayers.*

*Following the covering of the cross, all are invited to leave
the darkened sanctuary in silence.*



Riverside Community Church

Readers

*Rev. Miranda Bermes, Rev. Vicky Stifter, Barbara Grant
Heather Nielson & Rev. Andy Wade*

Musicians

*Diana Beterbide, Piano, Organ & Chancel Choir Director
The Riverside Chancel Choir
Michelle Edwards, Cello
Andrew Smith, Violin*

Sound & Audio Visual

Kathryn Murray

Holy Saturday

9:30 am. – 11:00 a.m. silent prayer, reflection, Taizé music and candle lighting in the Riverside sanctuary. Stop by any time.

Easter Sunrise Service

6:15 a.m. Great River Natural Burial in Mosier. Meet at RCC parking lot at 5:45 am for carpooling. Please dress warmly. Bring a chair if you'd like to sit.

Breakfast

9:00 – 10:00 a.m. served in the Riverview Room by RCC's kitchen team led by chef Kathy Watson. Donations gratefully accepted.

Worship

10:30 am includes music by Diana Beterbide, Riverside Chancel Choir & guest musicians. Pastor Vicky will preach. Bring flowers for the cross!

Easter Egg Hunt! . . .

. . . after worship service with a visit from the Easter Bunny.



"Good Friday" Shirley Veater

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

Riverside Community Church

APRIL 3, 2026

7:00 pm