



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

Gathering Music

Centering Silence & Prayer

Prelude "Duett" Mendelssohn

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 "Watch O Watch" (3x) Fran Mckendree
***Watch, O Watch the night has come
be still my soul and pray***

Reading "Gethsemane" Mary Oliver
The Betrayal and Arrest of Jesus Mark 14:43-50

Choral Anthem "When You Prayed Beneath
the Trees" Idle & Larson

Peter Denies Jesus Mark 14:66-72
Song "Watch O Watch" (3x) Fran Mckendree
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Jesus Sentenced to Death Mark 15:1-15
Words of Reflection

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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

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



Participants:
Rev. Vicky Stifter, Minister

Readers
Rev. John Boonstra
Ann Harris
Elaine Thompson
Rev. Andy Wade

Musicians
Diana Beterbide, Piano & Chancel Choir Director
The Riverside Chancel Choir
Michelle Edwards, Cello
Carol Goter, French Horn
Dawn Rankin, Flute
Kristen Warnock, Guitar & Vocals

Diaconate
Karen Roof

Sound & Audio Visual
Kim Vogel

Easter Sunrise Service

6:35 a.m. Rowena Crest Viewpoint. Meet at RCC parking lot at 6:00 am for carpooling. Please dress warmly. Bring a chair if you'd like to sit.

Breakfast

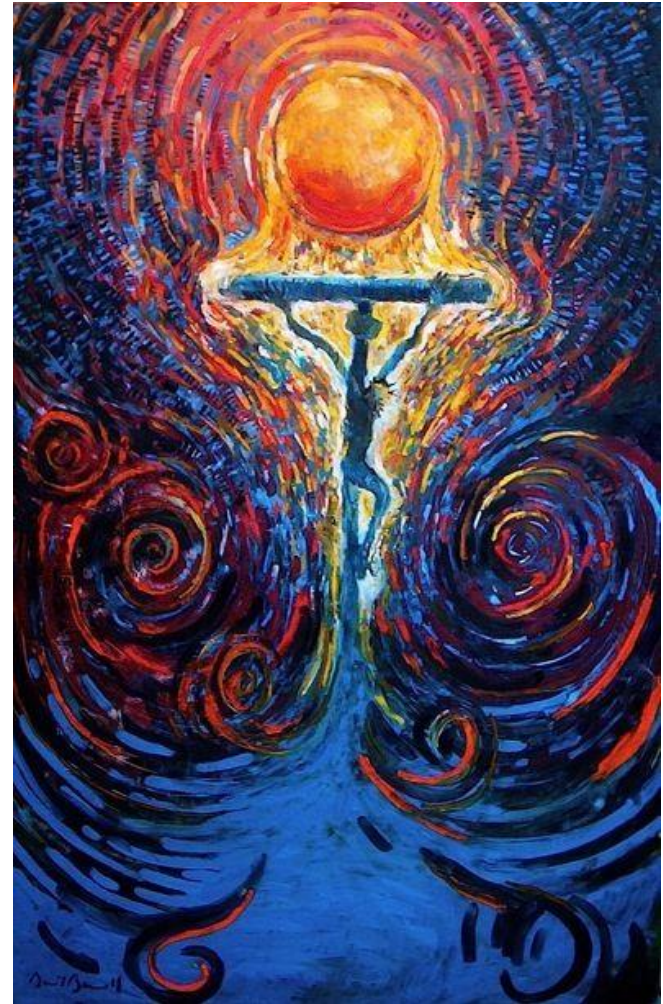
9:00 – 10:15 a.m. served in the Riverview Room by RCC's kitchen team led by chef Kathy Watson. Donations gratefully accepted.

Worship

10:30 am includes special music, guest musicians and the Riverside Chancel Choir. Pastor Vicky will preach. Bring flowers for the cross!

Easter Egg Hunt!

after worship service with a visit from the Easter Bunny.



"The Beauty of the Cross" Daniel Bonnell

Good Friday Service
Riverside Community Church
MARCH 29, 2024
7:00 pm

