

Special Thanks to all those who shared their spiritual reflections by writing the meditations for tonight's service. We also appreciate all the musicians who contributed their musical talents to this evening of remembrance, and to our great technical team.



March 31st Easter Sunday
Stories of the Resurrection & Holy Communion

Beckley Community UMC
217 South Heber Street, Beckley
11:00am Worship
In person and Online

Sophia UMC
516 W. Main Street, Sophia
11:00am Worship
In person and Online

Mabscott UMC
412 Whitestick Street, Mabscott
9:30am Worship

The Churches of Raleigh Shared Ministries



Journey to New Life!

Good Friday Service
March 29, 2024
6:30pm

Good Friday Service

We gather in the this night to remember the love and crucifixion of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Centering Music

Martha Wilkinson

Invocation

Richie Tankersley

It is hard to believe what we have heard, O God. How could a ministry of love be so blatantly rejected? Who would despise the teacher and healer who reached out to common people with acceptance and affirmation? Support and sustain us now as recall the horror of Jesus' final hours. May the anguish we observe point us beyond death to catch glimpse of the light you seek to reveal to us. Lead us through the crushing pain and agony to challenge the violence that is ever more prevalent among us. We believe it is your will that we live in unity and peace. **AMEN.** Lavon Baylor "Led by Love" © 1996 United Church Press.

Hymn

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

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Prayer

Richie Tankersley

Loving God, whose investment in humanity was challenged at Golgotha, and whose faithfulness sustained Jesus through suffering and death, lead us through the story of Good Friday to face our own pain and alienation. Draw us to the foot of the cross, there to sense the power of love to change lives, beginning with our own. Amen.

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THE SEVEN LAST WORDS OF OUR LORD ON THE CROSS

Special Music

"Via Dolorosa"

Mike Farris

@1983 Meadowgreen Music Company & World Music, LLC

The First Word

Ron Moreland

"Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing."

Luke 23:27-35

Extinguishing of the Light and Silent Reflection

The Second Word

Hilda Gray

"I tell you the truth, today you will be with me in paradise."

Luke 23:35-43

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The Third Word

"Woman, here is your son . . ."

Pastor David Rumberg

John 19:23-27

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Special Music

"The Old Rugged Cross"

Chris Godfrey

Two small excerpts from Keiko Abe's "Michi" arranged to the tune of "The Old Rugged Cross"
Michi: @1979 Music Co Percussion, Inc.; @2001 Transferred Colla Voce Music, Inc

The Fourth Word

"My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

Laura Fygetakes

Matthew 27:45-49

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Special Music

"Lamb of God"

Mike Davis

Twila Paris ©1985 Straightway Music/Mountain Spring Music

The Fifth Word

"I Thirst"

Becky Leach

John 19:28-29

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The Sixth Word

"It is Finished"

Dale Ritchey

John 19:30

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Special Music

"Anthem for Lent"

BCUMC Choir

@1990 by Hope Publishing Company, Words & Music by Jay Althouse

The Seventh Word

"Father, into your hands I commit my Spirit."

Rev. Betsy Evans

Luke 23:44-49

Extinguishing of the Light and Silent Reflection

Hymn

"What Wondrous Love Is This"

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Extinguishing the Christ Candle and Silent Reflection

Stripping of the Sanctuary

Please Depart in Silence

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