

**Welcome to  
Old South Congregational Church, United Church of Christ  
Hallowell, Maine  
Hybrid Worship (In-person: Sanctuary)  
Good Friday Service 2023  
March 29, 2024  
12:30pm**

*No matter who you are, no matter where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.*

**Gathering Music** Voluntary on "Christ lag in Todesbanden" (David Lasky)

**Call to Worship**

**\*Hymn #229** (NCH) "Were You There?"

**Prayer of Confession**

Ron Bansmer

Call: What part of ourselves is found in the shadow of the mob that streamed to Calvary? What part of ourselves creates nails in other forms that wound our sisters and brothers—and our God? Complicity, apathy, guilt oppress us and stifle our joy; let us bring our sins to God in genuine repentance and discover what God will do for us.

**Unison Prayer: Ever-living and ever-loving God, how frayed our lives have become, a collection of loose ends, tarnished glories, and hazy dreams. We have not kept our eyes upon your saving cross nor listened with undivided attention to your voice. We have not sought your presence among the destitute or the marginalized. So, we gather at this time, asking that you will help us to follow you to places we would prefer to avoid. Stretch our boundaries, stir our hearts, and inflame our souls to behold you in every fragment of life, to feel you in every moment of time, and to serve you in every occasion with obedience and joy. Amen.**

**Reading** Psalm 22

Cynthia McGuire

**Silence**

**Reading** Mark 15:1-15

Deb Morgan

**Silence**

**Reading** Mark 15:22-41 (from *The Message*)

Susan Reisert

**Silence**

**Reading** *That He Can Still Speak* by Jan Richardson

Ron Bansmer

**Silence**

**Prayer**

**\*Hymn #170** (P) "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"

**We depart in silence.**

\*Please stand, if you are able.

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### **Service information:**

Prayer of Confession and Unison Prayer adapted from *Touch Holiness: Resources for Worship*, edited by Ruth C Duck and Maren Tirabassi

*That He Can Still Speak* is from [paintedprayerbook.com](http://paintedprayerbook.com)

The photo at the top was taken by Susan Reisert at a small church in Assisi, Italy.

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### **Old South Staff:**

The Rev. Susan M Reisert, Pastor and Teacher

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### **HYMNS for Good Friday:**

#### **Were You There?**

**(Were You There)**

**Pilgrim #179**

1 Were you there when they crucified my Lord? Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

2 Were you there when they nailed him to the tree? Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

3 Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

*Public Domain Hymn*

#### **O Sacred Head Now Wounded**

**(Passion Chorale)**

**NCH #226**

1 O sacred Head, now wounded, with grief and shame weighed down,

Now scornfully surrounded with thorns, your only crown,

How pale you are with anguish, with sore abuse and scorn!

How does your visage languish which once was bright as morn!

2 What you, dear Savior, suffered was all for sinners' gain;

Mine, mine was the transgression, but yours the deadly pain.

Lo, here I fall, my Savior, for I deserve your place;

Look on me with your favor, O grant to me your grace.

3 What language shall I borrow to thank you, dearest friend;

For this your dying sorrow, your pity without end?

May I be yours forever; and though my days be few,

O Savior, let me never outlive my love for you!

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