



The Church of the Open Hands

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Welcome to this New Worship Service to address the Public Gathering Restrictions due to COVID-19

Any time starting at 12 noon on Friday, April 10, listen to the special Good Friday podcast of this Holy Week service as Pastor Eddie and the Worship Podcast Team lead us in worship:

<https://farmington-pres.org/sermons>

April 10, 2020 – 12 Noon

Tenebrae - Good Friday

The Service of the Nails

(Recorded April 9, 2020)

Prayers of Preparation

*We wait in the darkness! Come, all ye who listen, help in our night journey;
now, no sun is shining; now no star is glowing; come, show us the pathway.*

*The night is not friendly; it closes its eyelids; the moon has forgotten us;
we wait in darkness.*

Native American; Iroquois oral tradition

Gathering in God's Name

WELCOME / GREETINGS

CALL TO WORSHIP

John 19:17

PRELUDE TO CALVARY *Love Unknown* Francis Jackson
ANTHEM *When Jesus Wept* William Billings, arr. G. Custer
Peyton Krolewski, Flute

THE NAIL OF PRIDE *Mark 12:38-40*
Jerry Custer

Unison Prayer: O God, help us consider our own pride where it leads.

Pounding of Nails 3x's

Sung Response: *Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble;
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?*

THE NAIL OF BETRAYAL *Matthew 26:47-56*
Pastor Eddie

Unison Prayer: O God, help us consider how we betray others, how we abandon them in their time of need, how we think of ourselves first.

Pounding of Nails 3x's

Sung Response: *Were you there when He walked the road alone?
Were you there when He walked the road alone?
Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble;
Were you there when He walked the road alone?*

THE NAIL OF ENVY *Matthew 20:20-28*
Sharon York

Unison Prayer: O God, help us to consider how we envy others; how we desire more than we receive and seek to influence and rule over others.

Pounding of Nails 3x's

Sung Response: *Were you there when they stripped him of his clothes?
Were you there when they stripped him of his clothes?
Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble;
Were you there when they stripped him of his clothes?*

THE NAIL OF INDECISION *Matthew 27:20-24*
Kris Kehrer

Unison Prayer: O God, help us to consider how we waver, how we seek to avoid responsibility and to blame others for our actions.

Pounding of Nails 3x's

Sung Response: *Were you there when they nailed him to the cross?
Were you there when they nailed him to the cross?
Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble;
Were you there when they nailed him to the cross?*

THE NAIL OF CRUELTY

Matthew 27:27-31, 39-42
Pam Jusino

Unison Prayer: O God, help us to consider how we are cruel to others, how we malign and slander others and add to the evil that comes upon them.

Pounding of Nails 3x's

Sung Response: *Were you there when they mocked the Son of God?
Were you there when they mocked the Son of God?
Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble;
Were you there when they mocked the Son of God?*

THE NAIL OF HATRED

Luke 6:22, 32-35
Jerry Custer

Unison Prayer: O God, help us to consider how we show hate to others, how we fail to care for others and make distinctions among them.

Pounding of Nails 3x's

Sung Response: *Were you there when the sun refused to shine?
Were you there when the sun refused to shine?
Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble;
Were you there when the sun refused to shine?*

The Response

ACT OF CONFESSION

Isaiah 53:4-6
Pastor Eddie

“But he endured the suffering that should have been ours, the pain that we should have borne.

All the while we thought that his suffering was punishment sent by God. But because of our sins he was wounded, beaten because of the evil we did. We are healed by the punishment he suffered, made whole by the blows he received.”

People: All of us were like sheep that were lost, each of us going own way. But the Lord made the punishment fall on him, the punishment all of us deserved.

Pounding of Nails 3x's

RESPONSIVE READING:

The Promise of Mercy

Isaiah 53:7-12

Kris Kehrer

“He was treated harshly but endured it humbly; he never said a word. Like a lamb about to be slaughtered, like a sheep about to be sheared, he never said a word.

People: He was arrested and sentenced and led off to die, and no one cared about his fate. He was put to death for the sins of our people.

Pounding of Nails 3x's

Sharon York

He was placed in a grave with evil men, he was buried with the rich, even though he had never committed a crime or ever told a lie.”

People: The Lord says, "It was my will that he should suffer; his death was a sacrifice to bring forgiveness. And so he will see his descendants; he will live a long life, and through him my purpose will succeed.

Pam Jusino

After a life of suffering, he will again have joy; he will know that he did not suffer in vain. My devoted servant, with whom I am pleased, will bear the punishment of many and, for his sake, I will forgive them.

People: And so, I will give him a place of honor, a place among great and powerful people. He willingly gave his life and shared the fate of evil - He took the place of many sinners and prayed that they might be forgiven.

HYMN OF LAMENTATION

The Passion Chorale

David Bednall

SILENCE

*The Christ Candle is extinguished &
the Shrouding of the Cross in black*

All Depart in Silence

Please join us again on Sunday, April 12 at 10:00 a.m. when our Easter Sunday podcast is posted to the website. We'll celebrate the Resurrection together and come to a virtual table for Holy Communion. This service will help us find joy in our current situation. Plan to listen together and please have a piece of bread and juice alongside to join us as we celebrate the Last Supper with Pastor Eddie and the Worship Team leading us in worship on this holiest of days.

While we are physically distancing ourselves, let this be our way of avoiding spiritual distancing ourselves from our church family and friends. The podcast bulletins often are posted on the website on the day prior and the podcasts remain on the website for your later listening.

Also for additional spiritual enrichment, please check daily lectionary readings on our home page or join us for The Wired Word, an adult curriculum via ZOOM that meets on Sundays at 9:00 a.m.:

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wishes you and yours a Blessed Easter!**