

**TOPSAIL UNITED CHURCH**  
*“The Church by the Side of the Road”*

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**GOOD FRIDAY DEVOTIONAL SERVICE**

April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017 - 10:00 A.M.

In the Cross of Christ I glory  
Towering o'er the wrecks of time;  
All the light of sacred story  
Gathers round its head sublime

**WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE**

**INTROIT:**           “O Come and Mourn with Me Awhile” (VU136, v. 1)

**CALL TO WORSHIP:**    (responsive)

One:    Love calls us here, the love of the Crucified One.

**All:    The love of Jesus refused compromised with the powerful.**

One:    Love calls us here, the love of the Crucified One.

**All:    The love of Jesus took the tough but faithful road.**

One:    Love calls us here, the love of the Crucified One.

**All:    The love of Jesus struggled with the easy way out.**

One:    Love calls us here, the love of the Crucified One.

**All:    The love of Jesus endured the rejection of his friends.**

One:    It is the love of Jesus that calls us here. And now let us journey  
with Jesus to the cross.

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**(The Cross is carried into the Sanctuary)**

**THE CHRIST CANDLE IS LIT**

**(A moment of silence is kept)**

**OPENING HYMN:** #149 "When I Survey The Wondrous Cross"

**PRAYER OF APPROACH:(in unison)**

God of life and death, you have called us to this day of crucifixion yet again; a story we would avoid, a betrayal we would forget, a journey we would sooner not take. Yet we have come to learn again what love means. Stay with us as we stay with you by the cross. Amen.

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**PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER:**

**SCRIPTURE READING:** Isaiah 53

**HYMN:** #133 "Go to Dark Gethsemane"

**POEM:** "The Trouble Maker"

**ANTHEM:** "Like A Lamb"

***"AND PILATE ASKED"***

A Good Friday devotional based on the book by W.A. Poovey: [And Pilate Asked Reflections upon the exchange between Jesus and Pilate.](#)

***QUESTION ONE***

***"What Have You Done?"***

**READING:** John 18: 33-35 Derrick Tuffin

**MEDITATION:**

**HYMN:** #135 "Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

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***QUESTION TWO***

***"Have you no answer to make?"***

**READING:** Mark 15: 1-5 David Rowsell

**MEDITATION:**

**ANTHEM:** "Lenten Carol"

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**QUESTION THREE**

***“What is truth?”***

**READING:** John 18: 36-38 Noel Brissard

**MEDITATION:**

**HYMN:** #142 “Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross”

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**QUESTION FOUR**

***“Where are you from?”***

**READING:** John 19: 1-9 Sarah Bugdell

**MEDITATION:**

**ANTHEM:** “How Deep The Father’s Love for Us”

**QUESTION FIVE**

***“Do you know that I have the power to release you?”***

**READING:** John 19: 10 -11 Gillian Corbett

**MEDITATION:**

**HYMN:** #145 “O Sacred Head Now Wounded”

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***PILATE’S RESPONSE***

**SOLO:** “Take Up Your Cross”

**READING:** John 19: 12 – 22

**MEDITATION:**

**CHORAL BENEDICTION:** “Were You There”

***THE CHRIST CANDLE IS EXTINGUISHED***

(When ***“Were You There”*** is finished, the worship is complete. When you feel ready please leave quietly and may you be filled with the love of Christ until we gather again in the joy of **Easter.**)