



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

Ministers: The Congregation
Clergy: Rev. Bruce Kearley
Youth Program Coordinator: Brett Vey
Organist: Beth Cranston
Choir Director: Andrew Cranston
Choir: Mixed Choir

GOOD FRIDAY DEVOTIONAL SERVICE
March 30th, 2018 - 10:00 A.M.

Shadows gather, deep and cold; lamplight flickers, fades and fails,
Lord, you know what daybreak holds; thorns and beatings, cross and nails.
You will be denied, betrayed when the rooster wakes the sun.
Yet you kneel alone and pray, “Not my will, but thine be done.”

In the watches of the night, in the hour when darkness reigns,
In the grief that has no light, in the time of fear and pain,
Then we hold fast to your way, to the victory you have won.
Jesus, teach us how to pray, “Not my will, but thine be done.”
(Sylvia Dunstan - VU #134)

INTROIT: “They Crucified My Lord” (VU # 141)

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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HYMN: #135 “Beneath the Cross of Jesus”

(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:

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: “My Lord, My Life, My Love” (Carol Robson Newell)

“Not my will, but Thine be done.”
(Gethsemane – Calvary)

INTRODUCTION:

READING: Matthew 26: 36-46

REFLECTION:

Sung Response:

Have thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way!
Thou are the potter; I am the clay.
Mould me and make me after Thy will,
While I am waiting, yielded and still.

HYMN: #133 "Go to Dark Gethsemane"

READING: Matthew 26 & John 18 (selected verses)

REFLECTION:

SUNG RESPONSE: "Have thine Own Way"

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: "Like A Lamb" (Mary Kay Beall)

READING: John 19: 1-7, 16-17

REFLECTION:

SUNG RESPONSE: "Have thine Own Way"

HYMN: #132 "Bitter Was The Night"

READING: Luke 23: 26-28

REFLECTION:

SUNG RESPONSE: "Have thine Own Way"

HYMN: #147 "What A Wondrous Love Is this"

READING: Luke 23: 33-35, 39-43

REFLECTION:

SUNG RESPONSE: "Have thine Own Way"

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: "How Deep The Father's Love for Us" (arr. Benjamin Harlan)

READING: Mark 15, Luke 23 & John 19: (selected verses)

REFLECTION:

SUNG RESPONSE: "Have thine Own Way"

HYMN: #142 "Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross"

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: "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**.)

