

Pastor's Stole My peace I gave, which the world cannot give, and washed your feet as a servant, but you draw the sword to strike in my name and seek high places in my kingdom.

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal One, have mercy upon us.

The removal of the pastor's stole. The stole represents the towel that Jesus used to dry the feet of his disciples. It is the symbol of servanthood.

Were You There vs. 4 #288 (UMH)

Christ Candles I made you branches of my vineyard and gave you the water of salvation, but when I was thirsty you gave me vinegar and gall and pierced with a spear the side of your Savior.

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal One, have mercy upon us.

The removal of the Christ Candles. They symbolize the light of Christ.

Bible & Hymnal I grafted you into the tree of my chosen people Israel, but you turned on them with persecution and mass murder. I made you joint-heirs with them through my covenants, but you made them scapegoats for your own guilt.

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal One, have mercy upon us.

The removal of the Bible and Hymnal. Jesus is the living Word. The Scriptures are the written Word. The Bible is a collection of stories about God's people written in ancient times but always contemporary. The Hymnal is a collection of songs that celebrate those sacred stories.

***Were You There** vs.5 #288 (UMH)

***Altar Cloth** I called you to go and bring forth fruit, but you cast lots for my clothing I prayed that you all may be one, but you continue to quarrel and divide.

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal One, have mercy upon us.

The removal of the altar cloth represents the color of life and the brightness Jesus brought to the world.

Jesus cried out with a loud shout. Then he died (Matthew 27:50).

Lemont United Methodist Church

In-person and Live-Stream Service

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**GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP:
PREPARING FOR EASTER**

Please enter and leave the sanctuary tonight in a spirit of silent listening for God's word to speak to our hearts.

*Please stand **

Congregation responds in Bold.

GATHERING

WELCOMING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

PRELUDE

***GREETING**

Christ himself bore our sins in his body on the tree.

That we might die to sin and live in righteousness.

Let us pray together:

Almighty God, graciously behold this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death upon the cross; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, for ever and ever. AMEN

***Old Rugged Cross** #504 (UMH)

***RESPONSIVE READING** Psalm 71 #794 (UMH)

CHORAL ANTHEM *Written in Red*

PRAYERS

Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

PROCLAMATION AND THE PASSION STORY

Matthew 27: 27-61 Seeing Jesus

PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS FOR THE WORK OF CHRIST

Offertory

***Doxology** #95 (UMH)

SPECIAL MUSIC *Out of the Depths*

THE SORROW OF CHRIST – “By His Stripes We Are Healed”

Were You There vs. 1 #288 (UMH)

Baptismal Bowl O my People, O my Church, what have I done to you, or in what have I offended you? I led you forth from the land of Egypt and delivered you by the waters of baptism, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal One, have mercy upon us.

The removal of the baptismal bowl. This is the symbol of God's grace and our incorporation into the church.

Communion Plate I led you through the desert forty years and fed you with manna; I brought you through times of persecution and of renewal and gave you my body, the bread of heaven; but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal One, have mercy upon us.

The removal of the communion plate. This holds the bread we use for communion, the broken body of Christ.

Were You There vs. 2 #288 (UMH)

Communion Cup I accept the cup of suffering and death for your sakes, but you scatter and deny and abandon me. I sent the Spirit of truth to lead you, but you close your hearts to guidance.

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal One, have mercy upon us.

The removal of the communion cup. This cup holds the wine for communion, the spilled blood of Christ.

Offering Plates I came to you as the least of your brothers and sisters. I was hungry but you gave me no food, thirsty but you gave me no drink. I was a stranger, but you did not welcome me, naked but you did not clothe me, sick and in prison but you did not visit me.

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal One, have mercy upon us.

The removal of offering plates. This is the symbol of our generosity and our response to God through our resources.

Were You There vs. 3 #288 (UMH)

Lectern Banner I gave you a royal scepter, and bestowed the keys to the kingdom, but you have given me a crown of thorns. I raised you on high with great power, but you have hanged me on the cross.

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal One, have mercy upon us.

The removal of the banner on the front of the lectern. Purple is the color of royalty. Soldiers placed a purple robe on Jesus and mocked him with the words. “Hail Jesus! King of the Jews.”