

**Bethel United Methodist Church**  
**Friday, April 19, 2019**

Prelude *Go to Dark Gethsemane* Traditional

Welcome and Introduction to the Service

\*UMH #292 *What Wondrous Love Is This*

Prayer of Approach

**O merciful God, you did not spare your only Son, but offered him up for us all, that he might bear our sins upon the cross. Grant that we might so examine ourselves that we realize our own sinfulness, so great as to spiritually crucify him anew. Help us to recognize those nails which we drive into his cross today, and transform us into more faithful disciples in his name. Amen.**

THE NAILS OF THE CROSS

THE NAIL OF PRIDE

Mark 12:38-40

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?*

Meditation and Prayer (beginning with silence)

O God, help us consider our own pride and where it leads.

**O God, do not let us deceive ourselves. Our pride hurts us and creates walls between us and others.**

O God, we know too that our pride hurts you.

THE NAIL OF BETRAYAL

Matthew 26:47-56

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?*

Meditation and Prayer (beginning with silence)

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

**O God, do not let us deceive ourselves. Our acts of betrayal hurt us and create walls between us and others.**

O God, we know that our betrayal hurts you.

THE NAIL OF ENVY

Matthew 20:20-28

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?*

Meditation and Prayer (beginning with silence)

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

**O God, do not let us deceive ourselves. Our envy hurts us and creates walls between us and others.**

O God, we know too that our envy hurts you.

Anthem

*Led My Lord*

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THE NAIL OF INDECISION

Matthew 27:20-24

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?*

Meditation and Prayer (beginning with silence)

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

**O God, do not let us deceive ourselves. Our indecision hurts us and creates walls between us and others.**

O God, we know too that our indecision hurts you.

THE NAIL OF CRUELTY

Matthew 27:27-31, 39-42

Sung Response

*Were you there when they mocked the song of God?  
Were you there when they mocked the song of God?  
Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble;  
Were you there when they mocked the song of God?*

Meditation and Prayer (beginning with silence)

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

**O God, do not let us deceive ourselves. Our cruelty hurts us and creates walls between us and others.**

O God, we know too that our cruelty hurts you.

**THE NAIL OF HATRED**

Luke 6:22, 32-35

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?*

Meditation and Prayer (beginning with silence)

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

**O God, do not let us deceive ourselves. Our hatred hurts us and creates walls between us and others.**

O God, we know too that our hatred hurts you.

*As music is played the congregation is invited to come forward with their nail and place it in the basket by the cross and then spend a moment kneeling at the altar in prayer.*

**THE RESPONSE**

GOSPEL

John 19:28-30

*Please depart in silence.*



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*Thank you to those who added to our service by reading scripture.*

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