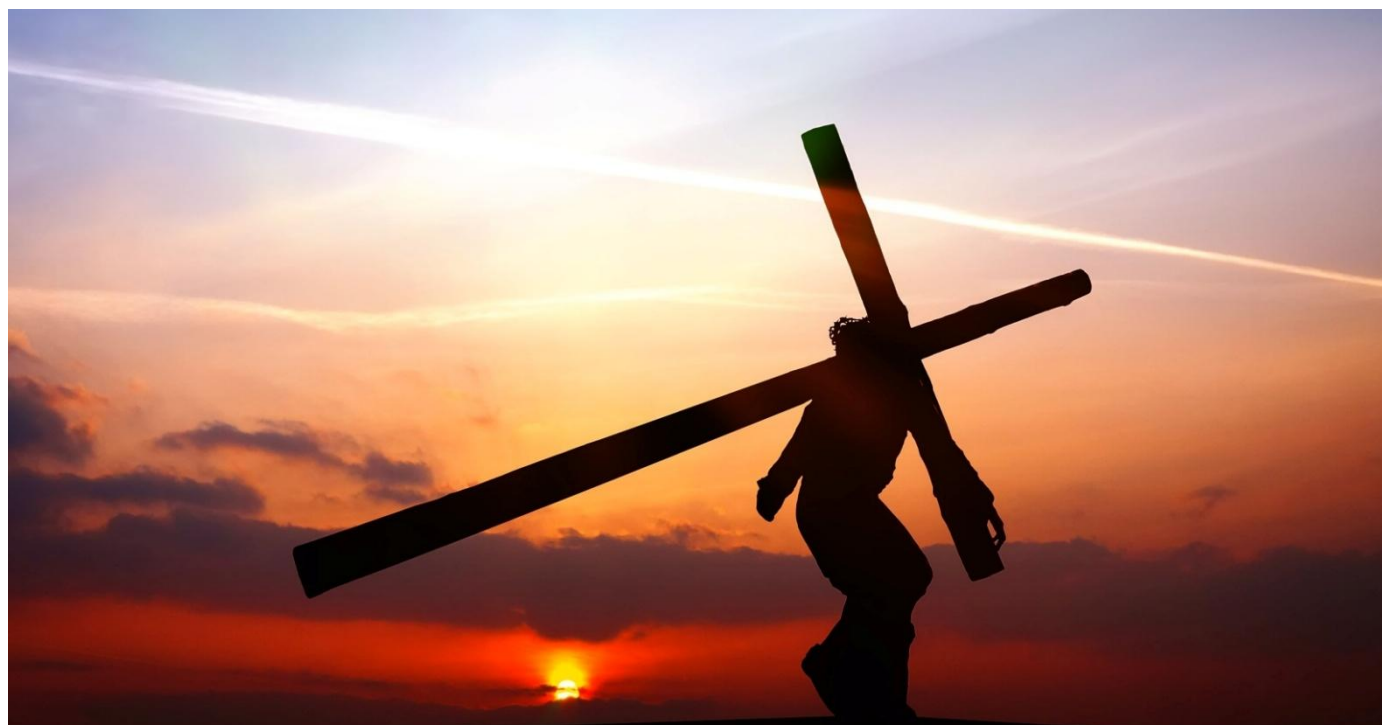


GOOD FRIDAY



Bausman Memorial United Church of Christ

No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.



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April 3, 2026

6:30pm Worship

WELCOME TO BAUSMAN!

A UNIQUE WORSHIP SERVICE: This worship uses a multitude of readings, voices, music, silence, light, and darkness to move us into the reality of Christ's death. The mood is intentionally somber and culminates in a complete, stark, silence that ends the service. Lights will be turned on only a little for safety sake, as everyone leaves in the silence of Christ's death.

1ST TIME GUESTS: Most everything you need is found in this bulletin. Plus, those around you are glad to help and an usher is always available at the main rear entrance. If there are ways we can better extend God's hospitality, leave us a note on the Welcome Card. Your insights are essential as we continue to grow into the community God is calling us to be. Thank you!

HOW TO PARTICIPATE: Congregational readings are in bold with an *All*, *People*, or *Unison* designation. Songs are in the bulletin or pew hymnal. Times for standing and sitting are listed, with it always being okay to remain seated.

OFFERING: All physical offerings can be placed in the basket by each of the entrances. Electronic giving is available. See the pew card for information.

RESTROOMS: Ladies and a unisex/accessible bathroom (with wall mounted baby changing table) are available through the doors at the front of the sanctuary. Follow the signs to the office. Bathrooms are on the left.

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS: Contain printed scripture and music, in addition to being in a larger font. Ask an usher for a copy.

HEARING ASSISTANCE: Ask an usher at the rear entrance to the sanctuary who will provide you with a device directly tied into the sanctuary sound system. Please return the device to an usher at the conclusion of worship.

GET CONNECTED: Use the pew holder Welcome Card to register your attendance, share contact information, ask questions, and more. Once completed, place it in one of the offering baskets.

WIFI & DEVICES: Please silence or turn off your devices for this service.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

WE GATHER TO BE GOD'S PEOPLE

Centering Thoughts: We are the clay, God is the Potter. These words should lead us to believe if the clay is spoiled, God, as the Potter would simply get rid of the spoiled clay and reach for something new. Yet, our God does not cast us off. Instead, God sacrifices everything within himself to transform the clay – to transform us. It is ludicrous what God does for us through Jesus! It should never be. But then again that is what it means to be held in the merciful hands of God.

Opening Chimes

(Allow the music to move you into stillness and silence that grounds the rest of the service)

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude: “Christ Lag in Todesbanden” - Johann Sebastian Bach
(The light of Christ is carried into our presence, calling us to worship)

(Please rise in body or spirit)

Call to Worship

Pastor: It is the prophet Isaiah who tells us that “no ear has perceived,
no eye has seen any God besides our God,
who works for those who wait for him.”
That God “meets those who gladly do right,
those who remember God and God’s ways.”

**People: The Lord is our God;
we are the clay, and you, O God, are our potter;
we are all the work of your hand.**

Pastor: Jeremiah proclaimed God’s word to the people in speaking,
“Thus says the Lord: Look, I am a potter shaping evil against you
and devising a plan against you. Turn now, all of you
from your evil way and amend your ways and your doings.

**People: We are like a spoiled vessel in the potter’s hand,
and yet in God’s hands we can be reworked into another vessel,
as seems good to God.**

Pastor: It is the Apostle Paul who declared, “We have this treasure in clay jars,
so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power

belongs to God and does not come from us.

**People: For while we live,
we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake,
so that the life of Jesus may be made visible in our mortal flesh.**

Pastor: For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced
that one has died for all; therefore, all have died.

**People: In Christ God was reconciling the world to himself,
not counting their sin against them,
and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us.
So, we are ambassadors for Christ.**

Pastor: I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God,
to present your bodies as a living sacrifice,
holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.

**People: In this, we are transformed by the renewing of our minds
so that we are not overcome by evil,
but overcome evil with good.**

Pastor: For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus
for good works, which God prepared beforehand
to be our way of life.

**People: We who were once far off have been brought near to God,
by the blood of Christ, who is our peace.**

Pastor: Thus, God calls to us, "Do not be afraid!" Do not be afraid
to let me steer your life into deep waters and there let down your nets.

**People: For it is in the deep waters where we live out the ministry of God,
in faithfulness to Christ, and for the sake of this world.**

**All: O Christ, you entered Jerusalem upon the peoples' hosannas.
You entered as Lord and King,
the fulfiller of ancient prophetic word.**

**In you appeared the hope of the world – the salvation of God.
A hope seen by the blind, known by the lame,
and proclaimed on the lips of little children.**

**As we worship on this night of darkness and death,
touch us – that we may be among those with eyes to see,
minds to know, and lips to proclaim
the One who comes in the name of the Lord;
the One who calls us to pick up our cross and to follow. Amen.**

Hymn: "Alone Thou Goest Forth, O Lord" (*insert*)

WE CONFESS OUR NEED FOR HEALING & GRACE

Call to Confession

Pastor: As a deer longs for flowing streams,
so let our souls long for God.

People: My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.

Pastor: Hope in God; for we shall again praise him, our help and our God.

**People: Why are you cast down, O my soul,
and why are you disquieted within me?
My hope is in God; for I shall again praise him.**

Pastor: Let us pray.

(Please be seated)

Personal Silent Confession

(Personal prayers for God's healing and redeeming peace)

Corporate Confessional

**All: Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide,
and too deep to undo.**

**Forgive what our lips tremble to name,
what our hearts can no longer bear,
and what has become for us the shame of our lives.**

**Set us free from a past that we cannot change;
open to us a future in which we can be changed;
as we yield ourselves to you and to your way.**

**We give ourselves to you, O God,
shape and form us now in your merciful hands. Amen.**

Personal Silent Confession

(Personal prayers for God's healing and redeeming peace)

Kyrie

Pastor: Lord, have mercy upon us.

People: Lord, have mercy upon us. *(sung)*

Pastor: Christ, have mercy upon us.

People: Christ, have mercy upon us. *(sung)*

Pastor: Lord, have mercy upon us.

People: Lord, have mercy upon us. *(sung)*

Assurance of Grace

Pastor: ...You are held in the depth of God's mercy, God's grace,
and God's forgiveness.

People: **God, who is rich in mercy,
out of the great love with which he loved us –
even when we were dead through our sin –
made us alive together with Christ.**

By grace we have been saved!

All: **Amen! Amen! Amen!**

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S LIVING WORD

Chancel Choir Anthem: "The Power of The Cross"
Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

Homily: "Take This Cup From Me"

First Reading: Matthew 26:57-68

Second Reading: Matthew 26:69-75

Third Reading: Matthew 27:1-2, 11-14

Fourth Reading: Matthew 27:15-23

Fifth Reading: Matthew 27:24-26

Sixth Reading: Matthew 27:27-31

Seventh Reading: Matthew 27:32-37

Eighth Reading: Matthew 27:38-44

Ninth Reading: Matthew 27:45-51, 54

Tenth Reading: Matthew 27:57-61

Hymn: "Hymn for Good Friday" (*insert*)

Final Reading

WE RESPOND TO GOD

The Lord's Prayer (sins)

**All: Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Organ Solo: "Ciacona in f minor" - Johann Pachelbel

(Remain seated in darkness and silence for 2 minutes)

WE GO INTO THE NIGHT OF CHRIST'S DEATH

*(Go in silence, breathing in the gift that has been given to you and for all.
Please place Welcome Cards and Offerings in the baskets as you leave.)*

Holy Week Activities

Saturday, April 4 – Holy Saturday

10:00 AM Easter Egg Hunt

Sunday, April 5 – Easter Sunday

8:30 AM Chancel Choir

9:30AM Worship, Nursery

Worship Information

Today's Worship Leaders

Ministers: All Members

Head Usher: Mike Ritter

Usher: Gary & Sue Rhoads

Readers: Kyla Andre, Stan Graeff, Eva Stone, Natalie Motz, Bibba McKemy, Maria

Colon, Gary Rhoads, Jim Payne, Annie Harlin, Michele Wolfskill

Minister of Music: Sharon Luyben

Preacher: Rev. Joseph Motz

Altar Guild: Margie Baer

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Alone Thou Goest Forth, O Lord

Peter Abelard, c.1129
Tr. F. Bland Tucker, 1940

BANGOR C.M.
William Tans'ur, 1735



1. A - lone thou go - est forth, O Lord, In sac - ri - fice to die;
2. Our sins, not thine, thou bear - est, Lord, Make us thy sor - row feel,
3. This is earth's dark - est hour, but thou Dost light and life re - store;
4. Give us com - pas - sion for thee, Lord, That as we share this hour,



Is this thy sor - row naught to us Who pass un - heed - ing by?
Till through our pit - y and our shame Love an - swers love's ap - peal.
Then let all praise be giv - en thee Who liv - est ev - er - more.
Thy cross may bring us to thy joy And res - ur - rec - tion power.



Hymn for Good Friday

Words: R. G. Huff

O WALY, WALY
"The Water Is Wide"

Freely ♩ = 70



1. Lord Je - sus Christ, ___ I mourn and weep. ___ My cov - e -
2. Up - on Your brow, ___ the thorn - y crown. ___ This im - age
3. There is no time ___ for joy this hour. ___ The sweet - est
4. How should I grieve? ___ How can I cry? ___ Whose fault is
5. I'm tempt - ed now ___ to look a - way, ___ To let my
6. Here, Lord, I lift ___ my eyes to see ___ Your mang - led



nant ___ with You I ___ keep: That I would love ___ You to the
pulls ___ my spir - it ___ down. The nails, the wounds, Your gasp - ing
fla - vor has turned sour. There is no day ___ so filled with
this? ___ Lord, is it ___ I? Is it for all ___ the wrong I've
heart ___ a - void this ___ day. O let me not ___ de - ny the
bod - y on the ___ tree. This cross of wood, ___ this place of ___



end, ___ my dy - ing Lord, ___ my suf - f'ring Friend. ___
breath: ___ I'm o - ver - whelmed, ___ Christ, at Your death. ___
tears; ___ all thought of laugh - ter dis - ap - pears. ___
done ___ that God for - sakes ___ His on - ly Son? ___
pain, ___ lest all Your tor - ment be in vain. ___
strife ___ are now the way ___ to truth and life. ___

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