

FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF OAK PARK  
GOOD FRIDAY PEACE VIGIL

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*An open community united in love and justice*

## WELCOME

OPENING READING: Isaiah 53:1-5

SONG: *Were You There When They Crucified My Lord?*

**Were you there when they crucified my Lord? (2x)**  
**Oh, oh, oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble.**  
**Were you there when they crucified my Lord?**

## PSALM 22

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?  
**Why are you so far from helping me,**  
**from the words of my groaning?**  
**O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer;**  
**and by night, but find no rest.**

Let us name and remember those who have felt forsaken by God. . .

SONG: *Were You There When They Nailed Him to the Tree?*

**Were you there when they nailed him to the tree? (2x)**  
**Oh, oh, oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble.**  
**Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?**

## ISAIAH 53:7-9

He was oppressed, and he was afflicted,  
yet he did not open his mouth;  
like a lamb that is led to the slaughter,  
and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent,  
so he did not open his mouth.  
**By a perversion of justice he was taken away.**  
**Who could have imagined his future?**  
For he was cut off from the land of the living,  
stricken for the transgression of my people.  
**They made his grave with the wicked**  
**and his tomb with the rich,**  
**although he had done no violence,**  
**and there was no deceit in his mouth.**

Let us name and remember those who have suffered a sudden and violent death. . .  
Let us name and remember those who are abused by the criminal justice system. . .  
Let us name and remember those cut off from families and work and the joy of daily living. . .

SONG: *Were You There When They Laid Him in the Tomb?*

**Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? (2x)**  
**Oh, oh, oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble.**  
**Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?**

**PSALM 22:14-18**

I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint;  
**my heart is like wax; it is melted within my breast;**  
**My mouth is dried up, and my tongue sticks to my jaws;**  
**you lay me in the dust of death.**

For dogs are all around me; a company of evildoers encircles me.

**My hands and feet have shriveled; I can count all my bones.**  
**They stare and gloat over me;**  
**they divide my clothes among themselves,**  
**and for my clothing they cast lots.**

Let us name and remember those who have buried their children, parents, siblings, or friends.  
Let us name and remember those who have lost hope. . .

**ISAIAH 40:31**

**Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength,**  
**they shall mount up with wings like eagles,**  
**they shall run and not be weary,**  
**they shall walk and not faint.**

**TESTIMONY**

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**SONG: *We Shall Overcome***

**We shall overcome, we shall overcome**  
**We shall overcome someday**  
**Here in my heart, I do believe**  
**We shall overcome someday**

**We'll walk hand in hand**  
**We shall live in peace**

**LITANY OF HOPE**

(Refrain from Psalm 22:11)

God with us, Emmanuel, give us strength in the face of violence and death.  
**Do not be far from us, for trouble is near and there is no one to help.**

God of life and liberty, make our hearts open to the faithful expressions of others. Surround our sisters and brothers whose faith is different from ours with your peace. Sustain us all with a common hope.

**Do not be far from us, for trouble is near and there is no one to help.**

God of our life, you create us in your image and you will us to life and love and community. We commend all our precious children to your care. Keep them safe and surround them with your love.

**Do not be far from us, for trouble is near and there is no one to help.**

God of compassion and tenderness, grant us patience when we cannot understand each other, and sharpen our ability to forgive as you forgive when we have been wronged. Cleanse us from every impulse of revenge and resentment.

**Do not be far from us, for trouble is near and there is no one to help.**

God of wholeness and redemption, guide our cities and neighborhoods toward the beloved community you envision for all your children.

**Do not be far from us, for trouble is near and there is no one to help.**

**SONG: *Let There Be Peace on Earth***

**Let there be peace on earth  
And let it begin with me  
Let there be peace on earth  
The peace that was meant to be  
With God as our Father  
Brothers & sisters all are we  
Let me walk with my brother  
In perfect harmony**

**Let peace begin with me  
Let this be the moment now  
With every step I take  
Let this be my solemn vow  
To take each moment  
And live each moment  
In peace eternally  
Let there be peace on earth  
And let it begin with me**

**PRAYER**

**Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.  
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;  
Where there is injury, pardon;  
Where there is doubt, faith;  
Where there is despair, hope;  
Where there is darkness, light;  
Where there is sadness, joy;**

**O Divine Master,  
Grant that I may not so much seek  
To be consoled as to console;  
To be understood as to understand;  
To be loved as to love.  
For it is in giving that we receive;  
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;  
And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.**

**SONG: *Down by the Riverside***

**Gonna lay down my sword and shield  
Down by the riverside  
Down by the riverside  
Down by the riverside  
Gonna lay down my sword and shield  
Down by the riverside  
Ain't gonna study war no more.**

***Refrain***

**I ain't gonna study war no more,  
I ain't gonna study war no more,  
Study war no more.  
I ain't gonna study war no more,  
I ain't gonna study war no more,  
Study war no more.**

**Gonna lay down my burdens . . .**

**BENEDICTION: *Go Now in Peace***

**Go now in peace,  
Go now in peace.  
May the love of God surround you  
Everywhere, everywhere you may go.**