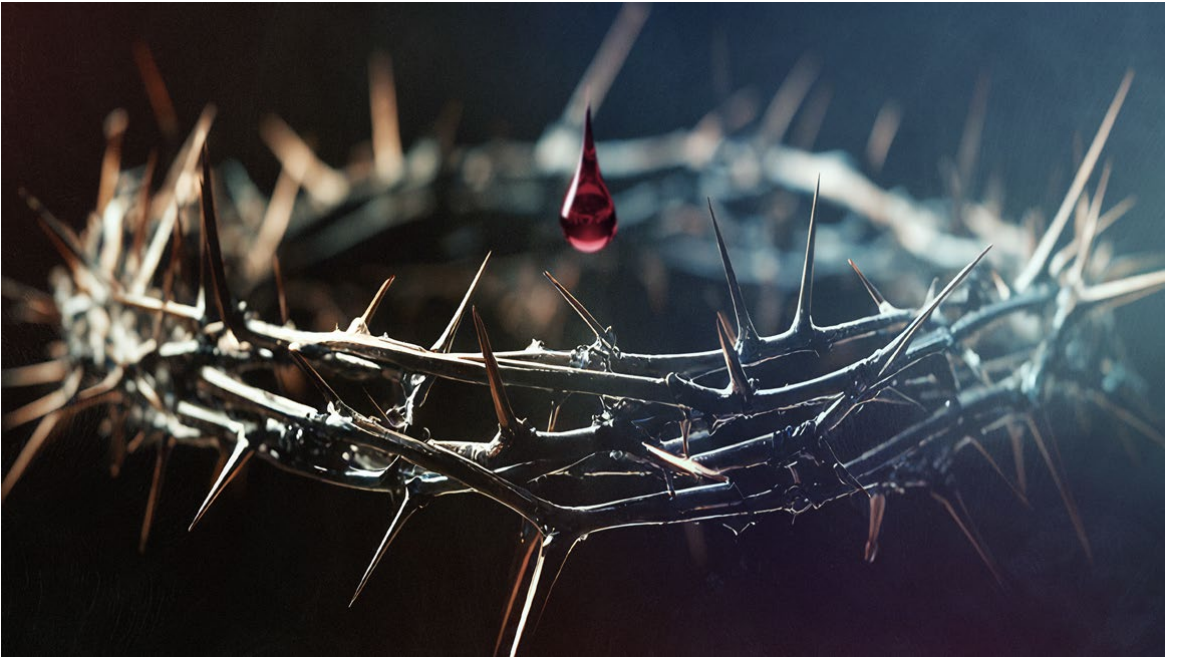


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**April 3, 2026**  
**Good Friday**

*Welcome to Hope United Methodist Church  
With Griffith First UMC, Whiting UMC, Hyde Park UMC,  
Ridge UMC, Christ UMC and 5th Ave UMC*

\*Please stand as comfortable

**Gather in Silence**

**Time of Contemplation**

**Welcome and Greeting**

Rev. Jim Denton

**\*Call to Worship**

Leader: Behold! The Prince of Peace ... taken by violent hands.

**People: Behold!**

Leader: The Only Begotten Son ... forsaken on the cross.

**People: Behold!**

Leader: The Holy One of Israel ... crucified with criminals.

**People: Behold!**

Leader: The Good Shepherd ... like a lamb led to the slaughter.

**People: Behold!**

Leader: The Light of the World ... extinguished for our sake.

**People: Let us behold the Love of God and let us follow that Love to the cross.**

**\*Opening Hymn**

Sing, My Tongue, the Glorious Battle (UMH 296)

**Opening Prayer**

Rev. Darryl Dorton

**\*Hymn**

To Mock Your Reign, O Dearest Lord (UMH 285)

**Prayer of Confession**

Rev. Denise Robinson

<b>Old Testament Reading Isaiah 52:13-53:12</b>	Rev. Chris Matthews
<b>A Reading from Psalm 22</b>	Rev. Bill Jones
<b>New Testament Reading Hebrews 10:16-25</b>	Rev. Jim Denton
<b>*Hymn</b>	Beneath the Cross of Jesus (UMH 297)
<b>Words from the Cross</b>	
<b>Luke 23:39-43</b>	Rev. Bill Jones
<b>John 19:23-27</b>	Rev. Denise Robinson
<b>Mark 15:33-36</b>	Rev. Chris Matthews
<b>Matthew 27:39-43; John 19:28-29</b>	Rev. Bill Jones
<b>Luke 23:44-46a</b>	Rev. Jim Denton
<b>Choral Anthem</b>	Lamb of God
<b>John 19:30-35</b>	Rev. Darryl Dorton
<b>Matthew 27:51-54</b>	Rev. Denise Robinson
<b>Good Friday Intercessions</b>	Rev. Jim Denton, Darryl Dorton, Bill Jones, Chris Matthews, Denise Robinson
<b>Invitation to Keep Vigil</b>	Rev. Jim Denton
<b>Sending</b>	
<i>Depart in prayerful silence</i>	

Thank you for joining us this evening. All of us from Hope United Methodist Church and our neighboring congregations welcome you to this Good Friday service.

On Good Friday, we remember the depth of God’s love revealed through the suffering and sacrifice of Jesus Christ. Though this day is solemn, it is called “good” because through the cross we witness redemption, forgiveness, and the promise of new life. We pause in reverence, reflecting on Christ’s journey to the cross and the hope that even in sorrow, God’s love remains steadfast.

Tomorrow is Holy Saturday — a day for quiet prayer and contemplation as we wait in hope for the joy of Easter morning. Suggested readings for reflection include:

- Job 14:1–14
- Psalm 31:1–14
- 1 Peter 4:1–8
- Matthew 27:57–66

We look forward with anticipation to celebrating Easter Sunday. Wherever you worship, we pray you experience the joy, hope, and new life of the resurrection.

**Hope UMC**

7320 Northcote Ave,  
Hammond, IN

Easter Worship: 10:15 AM

**Griffith First UMC**

2201 Azalea Dr,  
Highland, IN

Easter Worship: 11:15 AM

**Whiting UMC**

1920 Clark St,  
Whiting, IN

Easter Worship: 9:15 AM

**Hyde Park UMC**

6348 Harrison Ave,  
Hammond, IN

Easter Worship: 10:30 AM

**Christ UMC**

201 W Ridge Rd,  
Gary, IN

Easter Worship: 10:30 AM

**5th Avenue UMC**

2600 W 5th Ave,  
Gary, IN

Easter Worship: 11:30 AM

**Ridge UMC**

8607 Columbia Ave,  
Munster, IN

Easter Worship: 9:00 AM (Traditional); 10:30 AM (Contemporary)