

Welcome to Cornerstone!

Good Friday

April 2, 2021 at 12 PM



Building Community on the Solid Rock of Jesus Christ

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Good Friday Prayer Service

Preparation for Worship

As you enter the Sanctuary, please prepare your heart for worship with this prayer:

O Father, who spared not Your only Son that You might spare me, All this substitution Your love designed and accomplished; Help me to adore You by lips and life . Go forth, O conquering God, and show me the cross, Mighty to subdue, comfort, and save.

Call to Worship

L: Let all the ends of the earth remember and turn to God. May all families of the nations worship together.

P: Dominion belongs to God who rules over all. We will bow down to the dust and rise up to live.

L: My friends have confidence to enter the sanctuary. Come with true hearts in full assurance of faith.

P: We seek to provoke one another to love and to good deeds. We will encourage one another to hope in God.

Song "You Are My All in All"

A Crucified Savior's Prayer of Forgiveness

And as they led him away, they seized one Simon of Cyrene, who was coming in from the country, and laid on him the cross, to carry it behind Jesus . And there followed him a great multitude of the people and of women who were mourning and lamenting for him . But turning to them Jesus said,

"Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children . For behold, the days are coming when they will say, 'Blessed are the barren and the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed!' Then they will begin to say to the mountains, 'Fall on us,' and to the hills, 'Cover us .' For if they do these things when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?" Two others, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him . And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified him, and the criminals, one on his right and one on his left . And Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do ." And they cast lots to divide his garments.

Worship Schedule:

**Saturdays 5 PM &
Sundays 10 AM**

**Watch our Worship
service on Facebook on
Sundays at 10 AM:**

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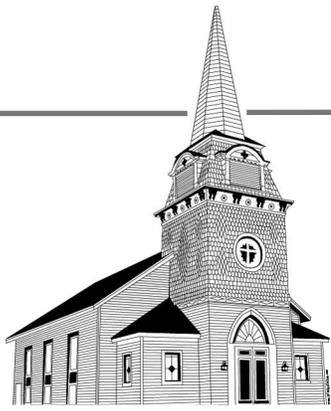
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Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession Distant God, we repent of small misdeeds to satisfy our conscience, for we cannot deal with our denial of you. We seek to find life apart from you, for the cross is too threatening for us. We want comfort, not sacrifice. We embrace privilege, not pain. Yet the love of Christ brings us to our knees in awe and wonder. O God, we want to lay aside our preoccupation with self to become full participants in your realm. Rescue us from ourselves, O God. Deliver us from sin and bring us home. We pray in name of Jesus. Amen

Assurance of Pardon

A Crucified Thief's Prayer for Remembrance

And the people stood by, watching, but the rulers scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his Chosen One!" The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews." One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong." And he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." And he said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise."

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Hymn "Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

A Dying Savior's Prayer of Committal

It was now about the sixth hour, and there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour, while the sun's light failed. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Then Jesus, calling out with a

Saturday Worship Leader(s):

Laura Stone

Sunday Worship Leader(s):

David LaCross

Fred VanLooy

Our Thanks to our Elders as Members of our Session

2021: Megan LaFontaine, Mike Pushko, Laura Stone, Kathe Morrison

2022: Jim Foster, Deborah LaCross, Fred VanLooy, Linda Van Melis

2023: Gail Carlson, Elizabeth Hughes, Tina Kas, Allyson Moyer

Our Board of Deacons – thank you for your service!

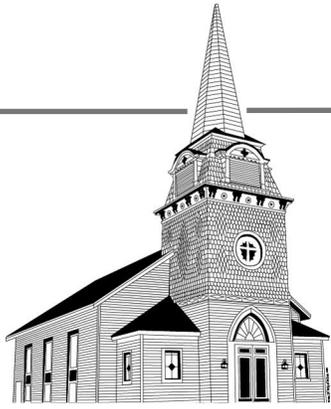
2021: Diane DeLuca

2022: MaryAnn White, Kellie Pushko

2023: Barbara Dougherty, Nancy Foster

MISSION STATEMENT

We the people of Cornerstone are a part of God's Grand Adventure to: ground our lives on the solid rock of Jesus Christ, build up each other in love through prayer, words and deeds, and to create God's community in Jackson and beyond.



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loud voice, said, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit!" And having said this he breathed his last .

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Hymn "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

A Hardened Soldier's Confession of Innocence

Now when the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God, saying, "Certainly this man was innocent!" And all the crowds that had assembled for this spectacle, when they saw what had taken place, returned home beating their breasts. And all his acquaintances and the women who had followed him from Galilee stood at a distance watching these things.

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Pastoral Prayer followed by the Lord's Prayer

A Rich Man's Burial of Our Lord

Now there was a man named Joseph, from the Jewish town of Arimathea. He was a member of the council, a good and righteous man, who had not consented to their decision and action; and he was looking for the kingdom of God. This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then he took it down and wrapped it in a linen shroud and laid him in a tomb cut in stone, where no one had ever yet been laid . It was the day of Preparation, and the Sabbath was beginning. The women who had come with him from Galilee followed and saw the tomb and how his body was laid. Then they returned and prepared spices and ointments. On the Sabbath they rested according to the commandment.

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Song "Were You There?"

Benediction *(We depart in silence, awaiting the resurrection.)*