

Please leave the sanctuary in silence. Contemplate this encounter with God and honor Jesus in His time spent in the grave until Easter morning.

*Thank you for joining us for worship tonight.
Anderson First UMC invites you to worship with us on
Easter Sunday, April 5, 2026.*

There will be two services:

*A Son-Rise Service will be held at Davis Park at 7:00 am (inside),
Immediately followed by a hot breakfast*

*Our Traditional Easter Celebration will be held in our Downtown
Sanctuary at 10:00 am on April 5*

If you are unable to worship with us in person on Easter Sunday,
we will be live-streaming the service. It can be
accessed through our Facebook page, YouTube Channel and
our website - www.andersonfirst.org

Note: Please contribute as you are able to the AFUMC
Easter Outreach Offering.

In person, place your offerings in the locked collection box
(wooden) at each sanctuary entrance.

Online, go to www.andersonfirst.org/GIVE

Easter Blessings!

Thank you to our readers: Ryan Falkenberry, Mary Brown,
Nina Kline, Duane Landwehr,
Rev. Brian White, Brian Jones



GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE
Anderson First United Methodist Church
April 3, 2026
7:00 pm

THE SILENCE

Please be silent and reflect on these words:

Where are you, O God? We are lost in the night, have you cast us from your presence? Temptations surround us; their masks grin through the darkness. We run from them, but which way should we go? Where can we hide when all lies in shadow? Have mercy on us, O God. Our eyes are swollen from tears; our bones are cold with fear; our souls have been broken—do you not hear, Lord? Save us! According to your steadfast love, answer us! Do not hide your face, but draw near and redeem us!

THE PRELUDE

"Ah, Holy Jesus"

Susan Finger

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: The Lord be with you.

ALL: **And also with you.**

Rev. Corinne Boruff

ONE: Let us pray:

A moment of silence

Most gracious God, look with mercy upon your children gathered here for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was betrayed, given into sinful hands and suffered death upon the cross.

ALL: **Strengthen our faith and forgive our betrayals as we enter the way of his passion; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE OPENING HYMN

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"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of Glory died, my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.

Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were an offering far too small; love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

THE READING

Rev. Brian White

Text by William W. How

ONE: It is a thing most wonderful, almost too wonderful to be, that God's own Son should come from heaven, and die to save a child like me. And yet I know that it is true: He chose a poor and humble lot, and wept, and toiled, and mourned, and died, for love of those who loved him not. I sometimes think about the Cross, and shut my eyes, and try to see the cruel nails and crown of thorns, and Jesus crucified for me. But even I could see him die, I should but see a little part of that great love, which, like a fire, is always burning in his heart.

ALL: **And yet I want to love thee, Lord; O light the flame within my heart, And I will love thee more and more, until I see thee as thou art.**

THE PASSION OF JESUS CHRIST

The Betrayal of Jesus

Matthew 26:20-25

Ryan Falkenberry

The Arrest of Jesus

Matthew 26:36-50

Mary Brown

Response:

"O Sacred Head"

Sanctuary Choir
Mark Murray, Trumpet

The Denial of Jesus

Matthew 26:69-75

Nina Kline

The Accusation

Matthew 27:11-14, 20-29

Duane Landwehr

Hymn

"What Wondrous Love is This"

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What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,
what wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul.

The Crucifixion

Matthew 27:31-43

Rev. Brian White

Response:

"Father, Forgive Them"

Sanctuary Choir

The Death of Jesus

Matthew 27:45-50

Brian Jones

Response:

"Behold, the Cross of Christ"

Sanctuary Choir
Sarah Taylor, Trombone

Dismissal:

Rev. Corinne Boruff

May Jesus Christ, who for our sake became obedient unto death, even death on a cross, keep you and strengthen you now and forever. Amen.

Please Depart in Silence