

Welcome to Church of the Painted Hills

United Church of Christ

Good Friday

April 3, 2026

Welcome Passing of the Peace

Rev. Carlos Sosa

One: My dear family in Christ, even in the shadow of the cross, there is peace. Not the kind the world gives, but the deep, healing peace that Christ offers—a peace born out of love, surrender, and the promise of new life. May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

Prelude Were You There? (Traditional Spiritual, arr. Joel Raney) Dr. Kyungsun Choi

Liturgy of the Lenten Candles The Darkest Hour

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Reader: The sky darkened. The earth trembled. The world held its breath.

All: Jesus, You bore our sorrow and pain.

Reader: As this last light is taken, we wait in silence.

All: Lord, have mercy. Amen.

Reader: Let us still our thoughts, quiet our hearts, and enter in sacred silence. Let us remember the weight of the cross and the love that held Him there. Please bow your heads, and observe this moment of holy silence.

Call to Worship

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One: We gather in the shadow of the cross, seeking light in the darkness.

All: We come to remember, to mourn, and to draw near to the One who gave all.

One: Jesus, the Lamb of God, stretched out His arms in love.

All: We come to stand at the foot of the cross, trusting that even in death, God is not done. Amen.

Hymn Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed

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and did my Sovereign die?
Would God devote that sacred head
for sinners such as I?**

**Was it for crimes that I have done,
Christ groaned upon the tree?
Amazing pity! Grace unknown!
And love beyond degree!**

**Well might the sun in shadows hide,
and shut its glories in,
When Jesus Christ my Savior died
for human creatures' sin.**

**But tears of grief cannot repay
the debt of love I owe;
Here, Christ, I give myself away
as all that I can do!**

Invocation

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Gracious and loving God, we gather tonight with humbled hearts to remember the suffering of Christ. Loving Creator, draw us close to You—still our hearts, quiet our minds, and open the deepest places of our souls to Your presence. Let us feel the depth of Jesus love and the weight of His sacrifice, which was made for us all. May Your spirit fill this space as we honor and reflect on the love that sustains and redeems us. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Scripture Reading Isaiah 52:13-53:12 (NRSVUE)
Message

Sean Sosa
Rev. Carlos Sosa

Hymn Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed (At the Cross)

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Blessing

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