

***Journey to the Cross***  
***Good Friday***  
***April 14, 2017***

**Gathering in silence**

Please make sure you have a "My Journey to the Cross" bag  
as you enter the Sanctuary

**In the Beginning**

*Take a moment to think of the good things God has created in this world.*  
Write down a few of them on a post-it note and stick it to the globe.

**The Fall**

Romans 6:23

*How do you see brokenness in the world, in your life situations,  
and in your own heart?*

Pick up a stone and hold it in your hand for the duration of the service as a  
representation of your sin.

**Hymn:** "Beneath the Cross of Jesus" # 297

**The Garden**

Matthew 26:45-46

*Is there an area in your life where you need to make a choice to  
love and sacrifice ~ even if it comes with a cost?*

Take the red paper heart and place it in your pocket or wallet to  
remind you to choose love.

**Betrayed by Judas** Matthew 26: 14-16, 47-50

Pick up the bag and coins as you ponder:

*How much is your integrity worth?*

*Would you betray a friend for twenty thousand dollars?*

*Why do we seem to compromise our values so quickly for money?*

**Choir Anthem:** "I Wonder Why?" arr. Lloyd Pfautsch

**Condemned by Pilate** Matthew 27:11-26

*In what ways do we give in and take the easy and lazy road even if it means  
being part of injustice?*

Come forward and "wash your hands" in the basin.

*Think of the areas in your life where you act like Pilate ~  
and participate in injustice because it's easier than fighting for what is right.*

**Hymn:** "Go to Dark Gethsemane" v.1&2 # 290

**Denied by Peter** Matthew 26:69-75

*Think of times you have denied Jesus with your words, actions, or non-action.*

Write down the phrase "I Do Not Know Him" on the paper as a symbol of  
times you, like Peter, have denied Christ.

**Hymn:** "O Sacred Head Now Wounded" v.1&2 # 286

**Whipped and Mocked** Matthew 27:26, 27-31a

Take the red marker and strike loose part of the clothing hanging from the cross to  
make a red mark.

**Hymn:** "What Wondrous Love Is This" v.1-3 # 292

**Nailed to the Cross** Luke 23:33-34

Grab a hammer and drive one nail.

**Hymn:** "Were You There" # 288

**It Is Finished** Luke 23:44-49 and John 19:28-30  
Extinguish one candle as a symbol of Jesus dying.

**Buried in a Tomb** John 9: 38-41

*Try to imagine the emotion of the disciples as Jesus' body was laid in a tomb.*

*What's it like to go to the funeral of the one you thought would save ~*

*The one you thought would be the Messiah?*

Think of the beliefs you have about God that the cross forces you to confront...

**Letting Go**

*Let the rock in your hand symbolize every sinful attitude and action.*

*Let the rock in your hand symbolize all that you wish you weren't.*

*Let the rock in your hand symbolize the shadow within*

*Let the rock in your hand symbolize the brokenness you have experienced.*

*Let the rock in your hand symbolize the brokenness you have caused.*

Go to the buckets of water and drop the rock in the water  
and let your sin die with Christ.

**Communion**

As you are served communion, fill your name on the paper and place it over a  
nail on the cross.

"My name is \_\_\_\_\_ and my sins are forgiven."

**Hymn:** "Grace Greater than Our Sin" # 365

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- We welcome Rev. Dan Brown and the congregation of Hilton Baptist Church.
- Thank you for joining us this evening. All are invited to join us on Easter Sunday for: Sunrise Service at 6:00am at 2 Ampor Beach, off Lighthouse Rd; and for our traditional Easter Worship Service at 10:00am
- Our service this evening is very inter-active. If you need assistance at any point, please raise your hand and someone will be there shortly to assist you.
- Lyrics for all of the hymns will be displayed on the screens. The music and lyrics are available in the purple UM Hymnal found in the pews.

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