

## Welcome

### Candle Lighting

*Jami Breedlove Crouch*

In the beginning, darkness covered the face of the deep. Then God said,  
**“Let there be light.”**

And there was light. And every day since, the light has come and gone.

**The sun has risen and set.**

The moon has waxed and waned.

**The light is still with us.**

In the beginning was the Word, which brought all things into being.

What has come into being through him is life,

**the light of all people.**

The light shined in the darkness,

**and the darkness did not overtake it.**

When God made the light, when the light of all people came into the world, God did not send away the dark.

**The darkness remains.**

God created the night for dreams and clarity,

**an exhaling of the light.**

Let us enter this holy darkness to bear witness to the light of the world who was extinguished by violence.

**Let us worship our Incarnate God.**

**First Reading: Arrest** Luke 22: 47-53 *Jackson Robinson*

### Visio Divina

*Rev. Alicia Wood*

**Hymn** “The Old Rugged Cross” UMH #504

**2nd Reading: Sentencing** Luke 23: 13-25 *Jami Breedlove Crouch*

**Call to Confession**

*Rev. Alicia Wood*

**Prayer of Confession** *respond with “Prince of Peace, forgive us”*

**Assurance of Pardon**

*Rev. Alicia Wood*

**Hymn** “He Never Said a Mumbalin’ Word” UMH #291

**Third Reading: Crucifixion** Luke 23: 33-38 *Jackson Robinson*

**Reflecting on the Cross**

*Rev. Alicia Wood*

**Hymn** “Were You There” UMH #288

**Fourth Reading: Death** Luke 23: 44-46 *Jami Breedlove Crouch*

**Final Meditation** “Love & Love & Love Again” by Sarah A. Speed

**Extinguishing the Light**

**Departing in Silence**

**St. Paul's UMC, Ithaca, NY**  
**Good Friday Service April 3, 2026**

**Thank you Worship Leaders**

Rev. Alicia Wood, Senior Pastor

Jami Breedlove Crouch, Loving Care Ministry Coordinator

Jackson Robinson, Young Adult Equalization Member to Annual Conference

Maia Finkel, Music Director

Molly MacMillan, Pianist

Wendy Kimble-Dugan, Vocalist

Marilou Slattery, Vocalist

Susanne Morgan, Vocalist

David Kingsley, Technical Director

Tigran Chatrchyan, Camera Operator/Lay Leader

