



**Asbury United Methodist Church**  
Rev. Yohan Go

**Haven United Methodist Church**  
Pastor Juhee Lee

**Good Friday**  
**April 10, 2020 ~ 7:00pm**

**PRELUDE** Beverly Rathbun

**GREETING & OPENING PRAYER** Rev. Yohan Go

**HYMN** When I Survey the Wondrous Cross vs. 1, 2 UMH 298

**SERMON** Pastor Juhee Lee

**THE MEDITATION OF THE SEVEN LAST WORDS ON THE CROSS**

**1. The First Word** Haven: Delores Tucker  
Father, forgive them. Luke 23:33-34

*When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing."*

**Reader 1:** and we, like sheep, have gone astray.

**People: We are the ones who held the nails.**  
*(Reader1 extinguishes the first candle.)*

**Meditation:** Juhee Lee & Beverly Rathbun  
Sonata in d minor Sarabande J.S. Bach

**Liturgist:** Infinite and everlasting Father, you are the source of all goodness. You are always near your children. Anoint your people with your Holy Spirit and encounter them intimately. Strengthen our love for you. Deepen our fellowship with one another.

**People: Eternal God, you are the only one who can unify us. Help your church fulfill our given task and calling. Remove from us our anger and hatred. Give us soft hearts and minds so that we can empathize with those who suffer in pain and hardship. Give us the patience so we can love others with all their imperfections. Help us to imitate Jesus Christ who walked each day with love.**

**2. The Second Word** Asbury: Joan White  
Today you will be with me. Luke 23:39-43

*One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? 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 have been condemned justly, for we are getting*

what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

**Reader 2:** And we, like sheep, have gone astray.

**People: We are the ones who raised the hammer.**

*(Reader 2 extinguishes the second candle)*

**HYMN** Are Ye Able vs 1, 2, 4 UMH 530

**Liturgist:** Eternal and Almighty God, we praise you for your wondrous love. Through your precious blood, we receive forgiveness. Through your sacrifice, we receive salvation.

**People: Lord, free us from the sins that keep us from living as your children. Through your loving mercy, deliver us from our enslavement to sin. Heavenly Father increase our faith.**

### 3. The Third Word

**Woman, here is your son.**

**Haven : Xingguang Choi**

**John 19:25b-27**

*Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, "Woman, here is your son." Then he said to the disciple, "Here is your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.*

**Reader 3:** And we, like sheep, have gone astray.

**People: We are the ones who rolled the dice.**

*(Reader 3 extinguishes the third candle)*

**Meditation:**

Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross

**Juhee Lee & Beverly Rathbun**

UMH 301

**Liturgist:** Mighty and most holy God, you are the ultimate source of strength for all who call on you. Remind us that nothing can exist apart from you and the salvation you offer in Jesus Christ.

**People: God, your light shines in our darkness. Have mercy on us. Do not close your ear to our cries. Do not turn your back on us in our suffering. Until we breathe our final breath, hold us close that we may never be distant from you. Deliver us from the everyday trials we encounter and the darkness in which we live.**

### 4. The Fourth Word

**My God, why have you forsaken me?**

**Asbury: Frank Rose**

**Mark 15:33-34**

When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

**Reader 4:** And we, like sheep, have gone astray.

**People: I am the one who pointed and laughed.**

*(Reader 4 extinguishes the fourth candle)*

**HYMN** Beneath the Cross of Jesus vs. 1, 2 UMH 297

**Liturgist:** Most holy God, your love sent Jesus to Golgotha in suffering. Your mercy sent him to the cross to pay the price of our sins. Pour out your grace on us so we can follow in Jesus' footsteps and live the life of peace.

**People: Lord, give us faith and courage to dedicate the most precious things in our lives to you. Deliver us from our distrust and fear. Help us to stand firm in faith and reveal Christ's presence in the midst of suffering.**

### 5. The Fifth Word

**I am thirsty John 19:28 (Haven: Matthew Bouris)**

*After this, when Jesus knew that all was now finished, he said (in order to fulfill the scripture), "I am thirsty."*

**Reader 5:** And we, like sheep, have gone astray.

**People:** We are the ones for whom he died.

*(Reader 5 extinguishes the fifth candle)*

**Meditation:**

The Old Rugged Cross

**Jinkyung Choi**

UMH 504

**Liturgist:** God, who forgives our sin, heals our pain, conquers the power of death, and leads us to yourself, you are our only hope and salvation. Make us your faithful servants whose lives help establish a world in which your righteousness flourishes and love defeats hate. Help us to pray genuinely. Embrace us in your goodness.

**People:** Creator God, we thank you for our ancestors of faith and their witness of obedient love. Make and mold us to be like these men and women who walked before us.

### 6. The Sixth Word

**It is finished.**

**Asbury: Nadia McGovern**

**John 19:29-30**

*A jar full of sour wine was standing there. So, they put a sponge full of the wine on a branch of hyssop and held it to his mouth. When Jesus had received the wine, he said, "It is finished."*

**Reader 6:** And we, like sheep, have gone astray.

**People:** He died on the cross to make us whole.  
*(Reader 6 extinguishes the sixth candle)*

**HYMN** Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed vs. 1, 2 UMH 294

**Liturgist:** Lord, hear our prayer. Forgive us as we confess our sins. Let us experience the freedom that comes through our repentance and your forgiveness.

**People:** Loving God, you know the suffering, unrighteousness, and misfortunes of this world. Have mercy on us. We can rely only on you. Please lift up those who suffer in poverty, sickness, oppression, pain, and loneliness.

**7. The Seventh Word**

**Into your hands I commend my spirit.**

**Rev. Yohan Go**  
**Luke 23:46**

*Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit." Having said this, he breathed his last.*

**Reader 7:** And we, like sheep, have gone astray.

**People:** O Lord, forgive us, for we do not know what we do. We need your cross to make us whole.

*(Reader 7 extinguishes the seventh candle)*

**Meditation:**

Were You There

**Juhee Lee & Beverly Rathbun**  
UMH 288

**Liturgist:** Gracious and loving God, who sent your son to be crucified for our sins. Help us to fix our eyes on the cross. Refine us in your refining fire so that we do not fear doing what is righteous. Cast away our rebellious hearts so that we do not even consider unrighteousness. Let us follow the example of Christ who live each day in prayer. We desire to live lives pleasing in your eyes. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

**People:** Our Father in heaven, we dedicate our lives to you. All we have is yours, our bodies and our spirits, our hearts and our minds, our dreams and our possessions. We want to be a living sacrifice. Use us according to your will. As you purchased us by the blood of your Son, glorify your name in us. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

**Leader:** Let us pray in the words that Jesus taught us: **Lord's Prayer**

**All depart in silence meditating on Jesus' death and suffering. You are invited to remain and pray if you wish.**

