St. James United Church

April 14, 2017: 7pm Good Friday Worship Minister: Rev. Pamela Jones-Fitzgerald Minister of Youth/Christian Education: Susan Sheppard, DLM Acting Minister of Visitation: Rev. Ettie Gordon-Murray Choir: Senior Choir Director: Emma Clark Organist: Bob Rose Music: Sight Restored ******

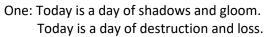
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Musical Prelude

Acknowledgement of Country and First Peoples

Welcome

Call to Worship: (responsive)



All: Today is a day when the church faces the power of death. One: Today is a day of commitment lived, and of faith fulfilled.

Today is a day of judgment levied, and of strength revealed.

All: Today is a day when we prepare for the promise of new life. One: Come; let us gather in the presence of God

Opening Prayer: (together) Transport us to Jerusalem today, O Spirit, that we may spend some time with Jesus. Help us to hear His teaching, feel His healing, and follow His example. Let us meet Jesus in our hearts that we may take Christ into our world today. Now we open our lives so that You may take us where we need to go, making Jesus the Christ real for us, not only in Passion, but in the Compassion of God's Love for all. Amen.

 Scripture: Mark 11: 1-10
 Easter Services, Sunday, April 16, 2017

 Anthem:
 Hosanna
 Sight Restored
 9am: Traditional Easter Communion Service

 Scripture:
 Mark 11: 15-18
 Please join us on Easter morning for our Easter Egg Breakfast after the 9am Service.

 Hymn:
 Lord, Prepare Me to Be a Sanctuary
 MV18



Scripture: Mark 12: 41-44

Hymn:	Long Ago and Far Away	MV195
Scriptures: Mark 14: 22-25		
Mark 14: 32-38		
Mark 14: 66-72		
Hymn:	O God, Why Are You Silent?	MV73
Scripture: Mark	15: 6-20	
Hymn:	There Is a Green Hill Far Away	152
Scripture: Mark	15: 21-24	
Anthem:	Were You There?	Choir

Prayer: (together) Too often we leave You on the cross, O Jesus. We have heard You teach and felt Your healing touch. But somehow we prefer You hanging silent. Open our hearts to reach out wherever people suffer that we may minister to You. You faced the forces of violence with peace and love, and conquered them by compassion. Open our hearts to feel the love of God, who desires peace above blood. Forgive us our ability to be bystanders when Christ needs us to act in love. Too often we leave You on the cross. O Jesus, forgive us still. Amen.

Hymn: When

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

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Scripture: Mark 15: 42-47

And the people leave in silence. Offering plates are located at the exits. Ushering this evening is provided by Jean Thompson and Gloria Le Feuvre