

**Good Friday**  
**Franklin Township Ministerial Association**  
**April 2, 2010**  
**Gathering around the Word**

**Prelude**

**Call to Worship** (CTW)            Rev. Diane Spleth

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

**Why are you so far from my cries of distress?**

I cry by day, but you do not answer.

**I groan at night, but you offer no rest.**

Yet you are the Holy One,  
enthroned upon the praises of your people.

**Our ancestors put their trust in you.**

**They trusted, and you delivered them.**

On you, O Lord, I was cast from my birth.

**Since my mother bore me you have been my God.**

Do not be far from me, for trouble is near.

**O Lord, come quickly to my aid.**

My friends, we may enter the sanctuary with confidence  
by the grace of Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**He has opened a new and living way for us.**

**We have a great high priest in the house of God.**

Therefore, let us approach the Lord with true hearts  
in the full assurance of our faith.

**Bless the Lord!**

Let us worship God!

**\*Gathering Hymn #606**

“O Love That Will Not Let Me Go”

**Call to Confession**

Rev. Vicki Hobbs

**Prayer of Confession** (CTW)

**At the foot of the cross, O God, we behold the mystery of your suffering.**

**How great is your love for us, and how inadequate is our response.**

**We hold back, look away, close our eyes.**

**We say too much, except when we don't say anything.**

**We duck responsibility and squander our talents and deny your truth.**

**Still Jesus reaches out to us.**

**Even from the cross, he reaches out to us.**

**Help us receive what we do not deserve.**

**Forgive us.**

**Save us.**

**Bring us from the tomb of our sin, so that we may live a new life, following the one who died for us, Jesus Christ.**

(Silent Prayer) **Amen.**

**Assurance of Pardon**

Gloria Patri (Hymn #812)

**The Peace**

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**And also with you.**

**Proclaiming the Word**

**The Prayer for Illumination**

**The Word Read**

Old Testament:            Isaiah 52:13—53:12

Psalm 22

Rev. Gregory L. Glover

Pastor Bob Wyrick

Response:                "The Heart of Jesus"

Community Choir

Gospel:                    John 18:1-11, 33-40

Pastor Mark Hetrick

John 19:14-42

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

**A Special Time for Children**

**The Word Proclaimed**

"Why Oh Why Have We Forsaken Him?"

Pastor Edward H. Cottrell, Jr.

**Responding to the Word**

**\*Hymn #316**

“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”

**Our Offering to God**

Rev. Dr. Henry Hawkins

**\*Offertory**

"Jesus Paid it All" Community Choir

**\*Doxology (Hymn #815)**

**\*Prayer of Dedication of Offerings**

**Bearing and Following the Word into the World**

**\*Hymn #314** "What Wondrous Love is This"

**\*Charge**

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude**

**\*All who are able please stand.**

**Franklin Township Ministerial Association**

Participants:

Pastor Edward H. Cottrell, Jr., Maple Hill UMC

Rev. Gregory L. Glover, Southminster Presbyterian

Rev. Dr. Henry Hawkins, New Bethel Baptist

Pastor Mark Hetrick

Rev. Vicki Hobbs, Acton UMC

Rev. Diane Spleth, Franklin Central Christian

Rev. Jim Waters, New Bethel Baptist

Pastor Bob Wyrick

Local Easter Sunrise Services\*

Zion United Church of Christ 6:30 am  
8921 E. Troy Avenue

New Bethel Baptist 7:30 am  
Southeastern Avenue, Wanamaker

Acton Baptist Church 8:30 am

\*All three services are followed by a breakfast.