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UMH – United Methodist Hymnal
*Stand in body or in spirit

Prelude

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

June Shuffett

Words of Welcome

Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

***Call to Worship (Based on Isaiah 53)**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: We gather here to worship God.

People: **We gather to remember how Jesus suffered and died for us
and to thank God for His love and His mercy**

Pastor: Who would believe what we have heard?

People: **God's servant grew up like a young plant.**

Like a root out of dry ground

He grew up before the Lord of hosts.

Pastor: Yet He was despised and rejected by others,
a man suffering, acquainted with ridicule and rejection.

People: **We held Him of no account,
as one stricken and struck down by God.**

Pastor: But He was wounded for our transgressions,
and crushed for our iniquities.

People: **All we, like sheep, have gone astray.
We have all turned to our own way.**

Pastor: By a perversion of justice, He was taken away.
Who could have imagined His future?

People: **For He was cut off from the land of the living,
Stricken for the transgression of His people.**

Pastor: Out of anguish, we shall see light.

People: **The righteous one, God's servant,
Shall make many righteous.**

Pastor: Who would believe what we have heard?

Special Music

Ah, Holy Jesus

Small Ensemble

***Opening Prayer**

Pastor: Let us pray.

People: **Merciful God,**

as we remember how Your Son Jesus

bore our sins in His body on the cross,

how seven times He spoke, seven words of love,


we ask You to bless our hearing.

Help us to understand the mystery of Your love,

and make us into a people who are ever more worthy of it. AMEN.

The Seven Last Words of Christ on the Cross
Music meditations by Greg Sheer

*Hymn	<i>Alas! And did My Savior Bleed</i>	UMH 359
The First Word	Luke 23: 33-34a	Kathy Henry
Words of Reflection on the First Word		Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller
Musical Meditation	<i>Forgive Us</i>	
Extinguishing The First Candle		
Response		See Screens
The Second Word	Luke 23: 39-43	Pat Hobbs
Words of Reflection on the Second Word		Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller
Musical Meditation	<i>By Your Side</i>	
Extinguishing The Second Candle		
Response		See Screens
The Third Word	John 19: 25-27	Sam Patricola
Words of Reflection on the Third Word		Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller
Musical Meditation	<i>Love One Another</i>	
Extinguishing The Third Candle		
Response		See Screens
The Fourth Word	Mark 15: 33-34	Kathy Henry
Words of Reflection on the Fourth Word		Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller
Musical Meditation	<i>Set Us Free</i>	
Extinguishing The Fourth Candle		
Response		See Screens
The Fifth Word	John 19: 28-29	Pat Hobbs
Words of Reflection on the Fifth Word		Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller
Musical Meditation	<i>May We Thirst In You</i>	
Extinguishing The Fifth Candle		
Response		See Screens
The Sixth Word	John 19: 30a	Sam Patricola
Words of Reflection on the Sixth Word		Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller
Musical Meditation	<i>It is Finished</i>	
Extinguishing The Sixth Candle		
Response		See Screens
The Seventh Word	Luke 23:26	Kathy Henry
Words of Reflection on the Seventh Word		Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller
Musical Meditation	<i>I Trust My Soul to You</i>	
Response		See Screens
Extinguishing The Christ Candle (strepitous)		
Silent Meditation		
Musical Meditation	<i>Were You There</i>	Chancel Choir
The Lord's Prayer (whispered)		
Depart in Silence		
Go in peace and may the Spirit of Christ, go with you this night and always.		


*Franconia United Methodist Church believes that everyone is a child of God.
We welcome all people to worship, join in membership, serve in lay leadership,
and actively participate in the life of the church.
We welcome and affirm all persons without regard to gender, gender identity, race,
sexual orientation, faith tradition, age, marital status, family structure,
economic background, political affiliation, physical or mental ability or life experience.
We commit to extend Christ's hospitality, creating a place of safety and sanctuary for all people.
We recognize there are differences among us and although we may not think or look alike,
we commit to respect and love one another as we are all the family of God.
We further commit ourselves to loving acts of invitation, hospitality, and community,
providing ministry to, for, and with all persons without exception,
fostering a sense of belonging where people are respected and valued as beloved children of God.*

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