GOOD FRIDAY  
  
First Baptist Church  
March 29, 2024

Organ Prelude *The Old Rugged Cross*  by J. Keyser

Opening Sentences – from Isaiah 53 Alex Lockridge

Hymn *Alas, and Did My Savior Bleed?* AVON

***Alas! and did my Savior bleed, and did my sovereign die?  
 Would he devote that sacred head for sinners such as I?  
 Was it for crimes that I have done, he groaned upon the tree?  
 Amazing pity, grace unknown, and love beyond degree!  
 Thus might I hide my blushing face while his dear cross appears;  
 Dissolve my heart in thankfulness, and melt mine eyes to tears.  
 But drops of grief can ne’er repay the debt of love I owe;  
 Here, Lord, I give myself away; ’tis all that I can do.***

- Isaac Watts, 1707

Prayer of Confession Jeremiah Banks

***God our Redeemer, we confess  
that we are people of ashes and dust.  
We despise and reject your servant,  
like a lamb led to the slaughter.  
We betray and deny our Lord,  
the one you sent to save us.  
Forgive us, God of grace.  
Even in this hour of anguish  
show us the light of your salvation  
and lead us to new life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***

A Reading from the Epistles – Hebrews 10:16-25 Gus Clouse

Psalm 22 PASSION CHORALE

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- Michael Morgan, 1999

The Passion Narrative – from John 18 Susan Williams

Homily “What Is Truth?” Alex Lockridge

Hymn *Were You There?* WERE YOU THERE

***Were you there when they crucified my Lord?...  
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble…***

***Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?...  
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble…***

***Were you there when the sun refused to shine?...  
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble…***

***Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?...  
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble…***

- African American Spiritual

Benediction Alex Lockridge

Organ Postlude *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* setting by Herbert Colvin

Ushers will be at the exits to receive an offering that will benefit  
the ministry of the Southeastern Kentucky Ministerial Alliance.