



***Peace United Church of Christ
Worship Resources for the Fifth Sunday in Lent
March 22, 2026***

Welcome

Opening Hymn “Were You There?”

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
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Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?
Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?
Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?

Prayer of Confession

We are at the moment of decision, God.

As we worship today, the events of Holy Week are so close.

We must decide for ourselves: will we stand with Jesus, or be a bystander, keeping our distance, deflecting attention from who he is to us? The moment is upon us; the decision not one to take lightly. Guide us by your Spirit, we pray. Amen

Assurance of Pardon

Scripture Readings

Romans 8: 6-11

John 11: 1-45

Meditation

Prayers of the People/The Prayer of Our Savior (debts and debtors)

Closing Hymn

“O Sacred Head Now Wounded”

O sacred Head, now wounded, with grief and shame weighed down,
Now scornfully surrounded with thorns, Thine only crown;
O sacred Head, what glory, what bliss till now was Thine!
Yet, though despised and gory, I joy to call Thee mine.

What Thou, my Lord, hast suffered, was all for sinners' gain;
Mine, mine was the transgression, but Thine the deadly pain.
Lo, here I fall, my Savior! 'Tis I deserve Thy place;
Look on me with Thy favor, vouchsafe to me Thy grace.

Benediction & Sending Forth