



NEWTOWN United Methodist Church

April 3, 2026 – Good Friday

Into Your Hands: *A Service of Surrender and Release*

Rooted in Faith. Growing in Christ. Serving with Love.

Prelude Allein zu dir, Herr Jesu Christ J. Pachelbel

Opening Invitation

Opening Prayer

God of mercy and truth, on this day we stand at the foot of the cross. We come not with answers, but with what we carry, the burdens, the regrets, the fears, the things we hold too tightly. Receive us as we are. Meet us in this moment of surrender. And teach us to trust what we place into Your hands. **Amen.**

Gospel Reading Luke 23:44–46 Pew Bible pg. 89

Reflection “Into Your Hands” Pastor Rodney Brailsford

Invitation to Surrender

Tonight, we are invited to place into God’s hands what we have been carrying. Some of us carry burdens we cannot name. Some hold onto things we were never meant to hold. Some carry expectations, wounds, or fears that have shaped who we believe we must be. In this moment, we are invited to release them.

Time of Silent Reflection

~ Act of Surrender ~

You are invited, as you feel led, to come forward. You may write a word, a burden, or a prayer and place it into the water as a sign of release. As you do, entrust it to God.

Silence

Prayer of Release

Leader: Into Your hands, O God,

People: we place what we can no longer carry.

Leader: Receive what we release,

People: and hold what we entrust to You.

Leader: Teach us to trust You more deeply,

People: and to rest in Your presence. Amen.

Closing Scripture

Father, into Your hands I commend my spirit.

~ Luke 23:46

Solo

“Were You There?”

arr. B. Dean

Bridgette Johnson, solo | Carolina Hooper, cello | Domi Liu, piano

Departure

Please exit the sanctuary in silence.



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