

THE OLD RUGGED CROSS

On a hill far away, stood an old rugged cross,
The emblem of suffering and shame;
And I love that old cross, where the dearest and blest,
For a world of lost sinners was slain.

(Refrain)

To the old rugged cross, I will ever be true,
It's shame and reproach gladly bear;
Then He'll call me someday, to my home far away,
Where His glory forever I'll share.

(Refrain)

Refrain:

So, I'll cherish the old rugged cross,
Till my trophies at last I lay down;
I will cling to the old rugged cross,
And exchange it someday for a crown.

TEN THOUSAND ANGELS

They bound the hands of Jesus in the garden where he prayed,
They led Him through the streets in shame;
They spat upon the Savior, so pure and free from sin,
They said, "Crucify Him, he's to blame."

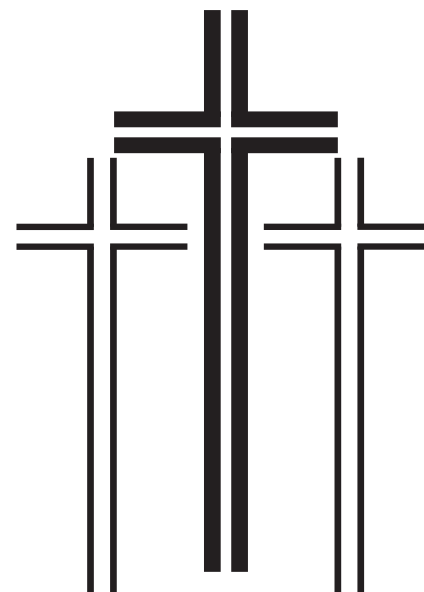
(Refrain)

To the howling mob he yielded; he did not for mercy cry,
The cross of shame he took alone;
And when he cried, "It's finished," he gave himself to die,
Salvation's wondrous plan was done.

(Refrain)

Refrain:

He could have called ten thousand angels,
To destroy the world and set him free;
He could have called ten thousand angels.
But he died alone, for you and me.



Jesus Died and Rose For You

59th Annual
Good Friday Laymen's Service

April 3rd, 2026
Oil City, Pa.

goodfridaylaymen.org

The Breakfast 6a.m. Knights of Columbus Hall

Doxology (Stand)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him all creatures here below,
Praise Him above ye, heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

Welcome

Announcements

Meal

Dismissal to Grace United Methodist Church

Acknowledgements

Host	Lou Slutterback
Caterer	Dotty Haggerty
Sound	Jeff Corbett
Set up	Pathways

History

In 1967 Bill Hutchens and Lou Morrison started this gathering around a restaurant table. In time, attendance increased. Grace United Methodist Church and the KofC Hall have been our venues ever since. The Holy Spirit has enabled this event for the past fifty-nine years.

Acknowledgements

Speaker	Bill McClellan
Reader	Frank Gill
Cross Bearers	Jack & Brian McNaulty
Worship Leader	Bumper Woods
Choir Director	Steve Luxbacher
Organist	Christina Luxbacher
Soloist	Ron Richburg
Youth Affirmation	Mike Cable
Host Church	Grace United Methodist OC
Host Pastor	Rev. Denise Mains
Live TV Broadcast	Grace UM TV Ministry
Meeting Venue	Hand in Hand Mental Health Services
Witness Signs	Matt LaVerde
Yard Signs	Seneca Printing Express
Tickets	Caldwell Printing Service

Rebroadcasts

graceoilcity.org/worship-service-recordings
YouTube at Oil City Good Friday Laymen's Service 2026

Committee

Jim Breth	Ron Richburg
Mike Cable	Lou Slutterback
Frank Gill	David Somers
Mike Heise	Jeff Steigerwald
Bill Keely	Phil Thompson
Matt LaVerde	Scott Walters
Steve Luxbacher	Bumper Woods
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Hymn Credits

Something good does not need to be new. It may be recent, old or ancient — like verses from Christian hymns which compose the replies in our responsive reading. Below are the sequence, title, date and verse.

¹ Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy, 1759 — v. 1

² All Mankind Fell in Adam's Fall, 1479-1534 — v. 1

³ Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain, 1771-1854 — v. 1,2

⁴ Why Should He Love Me So? 1925 — v. 2

⁵ O Perfect Life of Love, 1821-1877 — v. 4

⁶ O Sacred Head Now Wounded, 1091-1153 — v. 1

⁷ Ten Thousand Angels, 1958 — v. 2

⁸ The Lamb, 1953 — v. 4

⁹ When I Survey the Wonderous Cross, 1707 — v. 3

¹⁰ Chief of Sinners Thought I Be, 1864 — v. 1

¹¹ Nothing but the Blood, 1876 — v. Refrain

¹² Amazing Grace, 1779 — v. 1

¹³ Burdens are Lifted at Calvary, 1952 — v. 2

¹⁴ In the Cross of Christ I Glory, 1825 — v. 1

¹⁵ Abide with Me, 1793-1847 — v. 6

The Service 7a.m. Grace United Methodist Church

Prelude

Procession of the Cross with Solo:”Were You There?”

Choral Introit”Rise Up O Men of God”by Walter

Opening Prayer

L: Father, On your cross, your mercy met our sin.

R: Our sin, your mercy.

L: On the cross, you exchanged your righteousness for our sin and died in our place.

R: Our sin, your blood.

L: Through your cross comes the way to forgiveness of our sins and new life in you.

R: Your grace our hope. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Announcements

Hymn*”Ten Thousand Angels”back cover

Youth Affirmation

Responsive Reading

L: For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. (1Cor. 1:18)

R: Come, ye sinners, poor and needy,
Bruised and broken by the fall;
Jesus ready stands to save you,
Full of pardoning love for all. ¹

L: “There is no one righteous, not even one. (Rom. 3:10)

R: All mankind fell in Adam’s fall;
One common sin infects us all.
From one to all the curse descends,
and over all God’s wrath impends.²

L: Like the rest, we were by nature objects of wrath. (Eph. 2:3b)

R: Come to Calvary’s holy mountain,
sinners ruined by the fall;
Here a pure and healing fountain,
flows for you, for me, for all. ³

L: God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him
we might become the righteousness of God. (2Cor. 5:21)

R: Nails pierced His hands and His feet for my sin —
Why should He love me so?
He suffered sore my salvation to win —
Why should He love me so?⁴

Choir.....”What Wondrous Love is This”.....arr.Trevor Manor

L: The soldiers led Jesus away into the palace and called
together the whole company of soldiers. They put a purple robe
on him, then twisted together a crown of thorns and set it on
him... (Mk. 15:16-17)

R: And on his thorn crowned head,
And on His sinless soul,
Our sins in all their guilt were laid,
That He might make us whole.⁵

L: Again and again they struck him on the head with a staff and
spit on him... (Mk. 15:19)

COL. 1:21-23

FOR GOD WAS PLEASED TO HAVE
ALL HIS FULLNESS DWELL IN
HIM, AND THROUGH HIM TO
RECONCILE TO HIMSELF ALL
THINGS, WHETHER THINGS ON
EARTH OR THINGS IN HEAVEN,
BY MAKING PEACE THROUGH
HIS BLOOD, SHED ON THE CROSS.

ONCE YOU WERE ALIENATED
FROM GOD AND WERE ENEMIES
IN YOUR MINDS BECAUSE OF
YOUR EVIL BEHAVIOR. BUT
NOW HE HAS RECONCILED YOU
BY CHRIST’S PHYSICAL BODY
THROUGH DEATH TO PRESENT
YOU HOLY IN HIS SIGHT,
WITHOUT BLEMISH AND FREE
FROM ACCUSATION— IF YOU
CONTINUE IN YOUR FAITH,
ESTABLISHED AND FIRM, NOT
MOVED FROM THE HOPE HELD
OUT IN THE GOSPEL.

Announcements

OC Crosswalk — 10:30 am
Franklin Crosswalk — 10:00 am
Calvary UMC Service — Noon

**Bill
McClellan
2026
Speaker**



Bill worked and travelled nationally as a skilled tradesman, earning his living as a welder and ultimately as a quality control inspector.

Two important events happened in 2020 - he retired after thirty years as a member of the International Brotherhood of Boilermakers and then, even more significantly, Bill was born again! As a result, he transitioned from the construction field into the mission field of serving and sharing Jesus Christ with others.

Bill is actively involved with the disaster relief organization, Eight Days of Hope, where he currently serves in the national leadership role of Feeding Manager. Closer to home, Bill serves with the local Salvation Army Meal Center Program. Additionally, Bill volunteers speaking with youth at Pathways Adolescent Center in Oil City and inmates in the Venango County Jail.

Bill attends worship services at the Oil City Salvation Army, the Atlantic Avenue Church in Franklin and the Seneca Evangelical Church. Within these locations and others, he actively participates in men's groups and Bible studies. Bill has been and continues to be willing to speak to anyone about the life changing power offered by Jesus Christ.

Bill has two sons, Matthew and David and one granddaughter Charlotte. Bill lives in Oil City.

His life today is fully committed to serving the Lord Jesus Christ, wherever that may lead.

R: O Sacred Head, now wounded,
with grief and shame weighed down,
now scornfully surrounded,
with thorns, thine only crown.⁶

L: Those who passed by hurled insults at him, shaking their heads and saying, 'You who are going to destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! Come down from the cross, if you are the Son of God.' (Mk. 15:29-30)

R: To the howling mob he yielded:
he did not for mercy cry,
the cross of shame he took alone.
And when he cried, "It's finished,"
he gave himself to die.⁷

L: And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death, even death on a cross! (Php. 2:8)

R: He sighs, he dies,
He takes my sin and wretchedness,
He lives, forgives,
He gives me His own righteousness.⁸

L: For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood shed on the cross. (Col. 1:19-20)

R: See, from His head, his hands, His feet,
Sorrow and love flow mingled down;
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?⁹

Choir“My Savior Jesus”.....arr. Patrick Liebergen

L: In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins. (Eph. 1:7)

R: Chief of sinners though I be,
Jesus shed His blood for me,
Died that I might live on high,
Lives that I may never die.¹⁰

L: For you know that it was not with perishable things such as gold or silver that you were redeemed... but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish of defect. (Col 1:20)

R: O! precious is the flow,
that makes me white as snow;
No other fount I know,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.¹¹

L: Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! (Rom. 7:24-25)

R: Amazing grace
How sweet the sound —
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost
but now am found, was blind but now I see.¹²

L: Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him, endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of God. (Heb. 12:2)

R: Cast your care on Jesus today,
leave your worry and fear;
Burdens are lifted at Calvary,
Jesus is very near.¹³

L: For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. (1 Cor. 1:18)

R: In the cross of Christ I glory,
Towering over the wrecks of time:
All the light of sacred glory,
Gathers round its head sublime.¹⁴

Scripture Reading

Php. 2:5-11 & Isaiah 53

Introduction of the Speaker

Message.....Title to be Announced

Affirmation of the Good News

L: turn to several people and say to them

R: Jesus Died and Rose for You!!

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Closing Prayer

Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes;
Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies.
Heaven’s morning breaks, and earth’s shadows flee;
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.¹⁵

Announcements, Dismissal