

Good Friday In Asylum Hill



It was a beautiful sunny spring afternoon that brought out Christians from eight of the churches in Asylum Hill to celebrate one of the holiest days of their calendar, Good Friday. Remembering the day that Jesus Christ died, it is the culmination of the Lenten season, a period of penance, reflection and repentance.

This annual tradition brings together members of these faith communities to share a brief service in each of the eight locations. The character of each different community was evident both in the musical selection as well as the reflection by each pastor.

Beginning at Trinity Episcopal Church at Sigourney St near Farmington Ave, and reflecting on the role of Peter, everyone was invited to take a nail and later to place it in a common pail, a stark representation of each one's participation in the passion of Jesus. Then processing behind a large wooden cross, a reminder of the instrument of Jesus' death, and singing a short refrain together they processed to the Cathedral of St. Joseph. There the reflection was on Simon the Cyrene as revealed in the gospels .The series continued through the Cathedral's parking lot across Asylum Ave to Asylum Hill Congregational Church where Rev. Matt Laney reflected on the role of the Roman Centurion.

Then in succession the group of about a hundred visited Asylum Ave. Baptist Church, Glory Chapel, Grace Lutheran Church, and Immanuel Congregational Church, finally concluding at Riverfront Family Church, the newest congregation to take up residence in Asylum Hill at the 224, 224 Farmington Ave.

It was a beautiful reminder of the common faith that unites so many as well as the varied expressions of faith and devotion that celebrate their diversity.

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