



FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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6:00 p.m.

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE OF TENEBRAE & DRIVING OF NAILS



WORDS OF WELCOME AND OPENING PRAYER

Rev. Stewart Smith

CHORAL INTROIT

Kyrie

Words: Traditional Greek; Music by James McCray (1938-2024)

Chancel Choir
SungKun Jung, piano

Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison.

Translation: Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come, see the servant of the Lord;

People: A man of suffering, despised and rejected by others.

Leader: Surely He has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases.

People: He was wounded for our transgressions and crushed for our iniquities.

Leader: Upon Him was the punishment that made us whole.

People: And by His bruises we are healed.

Unison: Come, let us worship the living and loving God.

**When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died,
 my richest gain I count but loss and pour contempt on all my pride.**

**Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ my God;
 all the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood.**

**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?**

**Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small;
 love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.**

SOLEMN REPROACHES OF THE CROSS

Leader: O my people, O my church, what have I done to you, or in what have I offended you?
 Answer me. I led you forth from the land of Egypt and delivered you by the waters of baptism,
 but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: I led you through the desert forty years and fed you with manna: I brought you through
 tribulation and penitence, and gave you my body, the bread of heaven, but you have prepared
 a cross for your Savior.

People: Holy God, Holy and mighty, Holy Immortal One, have mercy upon us.

Leader: What more could I have done for you that I have not done? I planted you, my chosen and
 fairest vineyard, I made you the branches of my vine; but when I was thirsty, you gave me
 vinegar to drink and pierced with a spear the side of your Savior, and you have prepared a
 cross for your Savior.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: I went before you in a pillar of cloud, and you have led me to the judgment hall of Pilate. I
 scourged your enemies and brought you to a land of freedom, but you have scourged, mocked,
 and beaten me. I gave you the water of salvation from the rock, but you have given me gall
 and left me to thirst, and you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

People: Holy God, Holy and mighty, Holy Immortal One, have mercy upon us.

Leader: I gave you a royal scepter, and bestowed the keys to the kingdom, but you have given me a
 crown of thorns. I raised you on high with great power, but you have prepared a cross for your
 Savior.

People: Holy God, Holy and mighty, Holy Immortal One, have mercy upon us.

Leader: My peace I gave, which the world cannot give, and washed your feet as a sign of my love, but
 you draw the sword to strike in my name and seek high places in my kingdom. I offered you
 my body and blood, but you scatter and deny and abandon me, and you have prepared a cross
 for your Savior.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: I sent the Spirit of Truth to guide you, and you close your hearts to the Counselor. I pray that
 all may be one in the Father and me, but you continue to quarrel and divide. I call you to go
 and bring forth fruit, but you cast lots for my clothing, and you have prepared a cross for your
 Savior.

People: Holy God, Holy and mighty, Holy Immortal One, have mercy upon us.

Leader: I grafted you into the tree of my chosen Israel, and you turned on them with persecution and
 mass murder. I made you joint heirs with them of my covenants, but you made them
 scapegoats for your own guilt, and you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: I came to you as the least of your brothers and sisters; I was hungry and you gave me no food, I
 was thirsty and you gave me no drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked
 and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me, and you have prepared
 a cross for your Savior.

**Unison: Almighty God, look with mercy on your family for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to
 be betrayed and to be given over to the hands of sinners and to suffer death on the cross;
 who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.**

SOLO

The Crucifixion

Jenna Scott, soprano

Words from *the Speckled Book*, 12th century
Music by Samuel Barber (from *Hermit Songs, opus 29, No. 5*), 1952

Isaac Thomas, piano

At the cry of the first bird, they began to crucify thee, O swan.
Never shall lament cease because of this. It was like the parting of day from night.
Ah! Sore was the suffering borne by the body of Mary's Son.
But sorer still to Him was the grief which for His sake, came upon His mother.

SERVICE OF TENEBRAE AND DRIVING OF NAILS

TRIAL BEFORE PILATE

Matthew 27:1-2, 11-14, 25-31

¹ When morning came, all the chief priests and the elders of the people conferred together against Jesus in order to bring about his death. ² They bound him, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate the governor.

¹¹ Now Jesus stood before the governor, and the governor asked him, "Are you the king of the Jews?" Jesus said, "You say so." ¹² But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer. ¹³ Then Pilate said to him, "Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?" ¹⁴ But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed.

²⁵ Then the people as a whole answered, "His blood be on us and on our children!" ²⁶ So he released Barabbas for them, and after flogging Jesus he handed him over to be crucified.

²⁷ Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole cohort around him. ²⁸ They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, ²⁹ and after twisting some thorns into a crown they put it on his head. They put a reed in his right hand and knelt before him and mocked him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" ³⁰ They spat on him and took the reed and struck him on the head. ³¹ After mocking him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.

ANTHEM

Ah, Holy Jesus

Bells on the Hill

Words by Johann Heermqnn; Music by Johann Krüger

Pam Gilbreath, director

Ah, holy Jesus, how have You offended,
that mortal judgment has on You descended?
By foes derided, by Your own rejected, O most afflicted!

Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon You?
It is my treason, Lord, that has undone You.
'Twas I, Lord Jesus, I it was denied You; I crucified You.

For me, dear Jesus, was Your incarnation,
Your mortal sorrow, and Your life's oblation,
Your death of anguish and Your bitter passion, for my salvation.

Therefore, dear Jesus, since I cannot pay You,
I do adore You, and will ever praise You,
Think on Your pity and Your love unswerving, not my deserving.

SEVEN LAST WORDS OF CHRIST

(After each reading, a candle will be extinguished. Then at the direction of the ushers, a portion of the congregation will come forward and drive a nail into the cross.)

1. "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do." Luke 23: 26-27, 32-34
2. "Today Thou shalt be with me in Paradise." Luke 23: 34-43
3. "Woman, behold thy son!" John 19:25-27
4. "My God, My God! Why has Thou forsaken me?" Mark 15: 33-34
5. "I thirst." Matthew 27:39-40; John 19:28
6. "It is finished." John 19:29-30
7. "Father, into Thy hands I commit my Spirit." John 17:1-5, Luke 23:46

TENEBRAE

Matthew 27:45, 51,54

MOMENT OF SILENCE (For Prayer and Meditation)

SOLO

Were You There When They Crucified My Lord?
Words and Music: Traditional African American Spiritual

Dennis Brewer, bass

(You may stay in the Sanctuary to pray or depart in silence.)

PARTICIPANTS

Interim Senior Pastor – Rev. Stewart Smith

Minister of Music/Commissioned Ruling Elder – Isaac Thomas

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Director of Youth and Young Adults Ministries – Amanda McDonald

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Worship Band – Nina Andrews (drums), Rob Button (guitar), Dennis Brewer (guitar), Jeffrey Kerst (bass)

Organist – Xiao McCollum

Pianist/Choral Accompanist – SungKun Jung

Membership Coordinator – Amy McCann

Bells on the Hill (from left to right): Terri Trotter, Jane Steinkraus, Cole Jackson, Laurie Reh, Ron Warren, Kelly Hadley, Marti Woodruff, Deb Crawford, Dave Edmark, Jim Gilbreath, Don Steinkraus, and Katie Jackson

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