

ST. PETER'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



Sunday School – 9:00 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship – 10:30 a.m.
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God is still speaking.

ORDER OF WORSHIP – APRIL 2ND, 2021
GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

Prelude I Believe in a Hill Called Mount Calvary (*Gaither*) Judy Schneider

Ringing of the Bell

***Call to Worship**

Pastor: Come, join together in this place. Apart from this world, let us pray as God meets with us here.

People: **Will He be revealed to us on this dark day? Has He turned from us and forsaken us?**

Pastor: Come, you who are weary and discouraged; God, in whom you have placed your trust, has not deserted you.

People: **We come then to worship our faithful God as we live our new life in Him.**

Pastor: Let us pray in silence.

***Personal Prayer of Confession (to be read silently)**

Merciful and loving God, as I sit and reflect on the cross I acknowledge my own faults and failures. I confess that I have sinned against You, against my neighbor, and against my very self. Have mercy on me. As You desire for me to love others and to forgive them, remind me once again of Your grace. May the measure You use to forgive me be the measuring stick for how I forgive others. May the cross be that reminder to me and may it be a vivid reminder of the agape love that Your Son, Jesus Christ, had for me and all the world. In Your loving mercy, I pray. Amen.

***Assurance of Pardon**

***Responsive Hymn**

“What Wondrous Love is This” (verse 1)

#257

Good Friday Meditation

“In the Shadow of the Cross”

Pastor Kyle

The Service of Tenebrae (Extinguishing the Candles)

1. The Shadow of Betrayal (Mt. 26:20-25) Dawn Schroeder
2. The Shadow of the Agony of Spirit and Arrest (Mt. 26:36-50) Pastor Kyle

Hymn: “Go to Dark Gethsemane” (vs. 1-2) #272

3. The Shadow of Denial (Matthew 26:69-75) Garry Junker
4. The Shadow of Accusation (Matthew 27:11-14, 20-29) Bev Junker

Hymn: “O Sacred Head, Now Wounded” (vs. 1-2) #284

5. The Shadow of Crucifixion and Humiliation (Mt. 27:31-43) Carrie Langlois
6. The Shadow of Death (Mt. 27:45-54) Kevin Mussman

Hymn: “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” (vs. 1-3) #261

7. The Shadow of Burial (Mt. 27:57-60) Pastor Kyle

Hymn: “Were You There?” #283

*At this time, the Christ Candle is restored.

***Closing Song Response** “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” (v. 4) #261

***Dismissal**

Pastor: May Jesus Christ, who for our sake became obedient unto death, even death on a cross, keep you and strengthen you.

People: Amen.

***Depart in Silence**



Service Times

7:00 am

9:00 am

10:30 am

A Prayer for Holy Saturday (written by Rachel Stone):

Lord God, on the Sabbath, Jesus rested. He was in the grave. He had finished His work. To most people's eyes, it looked as if it were all over. He was dead and buried.

But, only as a seed dies when it is planted in the earth, not to decay, but to spring to new life, teach us to take refuge in You when we are afraid. Teach us that death is not our end. Teach us to hope always in You and in the resurrection as You are making all things new. Amen.