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OAK GROVE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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April 7, 2023

Good Friday

7:00 pm



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Prelude

Words of Welcome & Introduction

***Call to Worship** (*based on Lamentations 1:12*)

Leader: All you who pass this way

People: Look and see, the shadow of sin.

Leader: All you who pass this way

People: Look and see, the weight of the world.

Leader: All you who pass this way

People: Look and see, the suffering of our Savior.

Leader: All you who pass this way

People: Look and see, the sorrow of Jesus Christ.

Leader: Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world.

***Opening Hymn** “This is the Night” (vss 1–2 & 4–5) 206

Scripture Luke 22:39–53

Prayer

Leader: Lord, have mercy.

People: Christ, have mercy.

Leader: Lord, have mercy...

A Time of Silence

Hymn “Shadows Lengthen Into Night” (vss 3–5) 207

Scripture Luke 22:54–62

Prayer

Leader: Lord, have mercy.

People: Christ, have mercy.

Leader: Lord, have mercy...

A Time of Silence

Hymn “Shadows Lengthen Into Night” (vss 6–7) 207

Scripture Luke 22:63–23:12

Prayer

Leader: Lord, have mercy.

People: Christ, have mercy.

Leader: Lord, have mercy...

A Time of Silence

Hymn "Ah, Holy Jesus" (vss 1–2) 218

Scripture Luke 23:13–25

Prayer

Leader: Lord, have mercy.

People: Christ, have mercy.

Leader: Lord, have mercy...

A Time of Silence

Hymn "Ah, Holy Jesus" (vss 3–5) 218

Scripture Luke 23:26–43

Prayer

Leader: Lord, have mercy.

People: Christ, have mercy.

Leader: Lord, have mercy...

A Time of Silence

Hymn "Jesus, Remember Me" (*sung multiple times*) 227

Scripture Luke 23:44–49

Prayer

Leader: Lord, have mercy.

People: Christ, have mercy.

Leader: Lord, have mercy...

A Time of Silence

Hymn "My Song Is Love Unknown" 209

Scripture Luke 23:50–56

Prayer

Leader: Lord, have mercy.

People: Christ, have mercy.

Leader: Lord, have mercy...

A Time of Silence

Hymn "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" 223

Closing Litany (*based on Lamentations 1:12*)

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Leader: All you who pass this way

People: Look and see, the weight of the world.

Leader: All you who pass this way

People: Look and see, the suffering of our Savior.

Leader: All you who pass this way

People: Look and see, the sorrow of Jesus Christ.

Leader: Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world.

Anthem "Were You There?" *arr. Kyle Pederson*

**Please rise in body or in spirit.*

You may leave when you are ready. You are welcome to stay as long as you wish in prayer. Please maintain silence until outside the building.

The Christ candle remains despite the darkness to remind us that "the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it" (John 1:5).

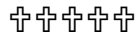
The cross does not have the last word. Death does not have the last word. You are invited to continue Holy Week observances with us on Easter Sunday to see how the story turns out.

Good Friday

Good Friday is a very different occasion for worship than any other time in the Christian calendar. As we relive the crucifixion, we acknowledge the presence of suffering and grieve the death of Jesus. In some way, we too enter into his suffering and death, and wait to enter into his life and resurrection on Easter morning. As Jesus takes on the weight of the world, so we feel some of that weight in our world.

This service uses scripture, music, and silence to give us time and space to acknowledge the weight. The Scripture passages are taken from Jesus' last day as described in the Gospel of Luke. Each time of prayer will be followed by extinguishing a candle and a time of silence. The silence allows us to listen for God, and reminds us that sometimes, words are not sufficient. As the service progresses, the times of silence will lengthen.

As you entered the sanctuary, you received a stone. Hold onto this stone through the service. Feel its weight. Use it as a "worry stone," an object to attach your fears, sadness, and worry. When you leave the sanctuary at the end of the service, you are invited to leave the stone on a table. This symbolic act reminds us that Jesus took on the weight of our darkness, worries, and fears on the cross. The stones, piled together, will also be a reminder of the ancient Israelite tradition of leaving stones as an altar in places where humans encountered God. The stones piled together also symbolize the Jewish tradition of leaving a stone at a grave as a way of honoring the deceased.



Participants in worship today include:

Presiding Pastors: **Bart Roush & Mary Koon;**

Musicians: **Chancel Choir;**

Organist/Pianist: **Nancy Jensen** | Director of Music: **Judy Cooper;**

Sound, Light, Video: **Greg Johnson, Pierce Flanagan & Ruth Dukelow**