

# CENTERPORT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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## IN-PERSON WORSHIP

APRIL 15, 2022

### GOOD FRIDAY - 'FATHER FORGIVE THEM'

*Congregation please respond with the bolded lines*

#### PRAYER FOR MEDITATION

*Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ was lifted high upon the cross so that he might draw the whole world to himself. We who stand at the foot of his cross praise you for the wondrous love that he showed us, and the salvation that his death brought us. We come to this evening repenting for the things that we do that still cause you pain, and we pray that you grant us the grace to take your forgiveness to our hearts and live as new and obedient servants of the One who poured himself out for us. Amen.*

#### MEDITATION ON THE CROSS

*(You are invited to view the slides in silent reflection)*

*“Agnus Dei: Music of Inner Harmony”*

*The Choir of New College, Oxford*

#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### OPENING PRAYER

**Most gracious God, look with mercy upon your family gathered here for whom our Lord was betrayed, given into sinful hands, and suffered death upon the cross. Strengthen our faith and forgive our betrayals as we enter the way of His passion; through Him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.**

#### OPENING HYMN # 292 (v. 1-2)

*“What Wondrous Love Is This”*

United Methodist Hymnal

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,

What wondrous love is this, O my soul!

What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss

To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,

To bear the dreadful curse for my soul.

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,

What wondrous love is this, O my soul!

What wondrous love is this, that caused the Lord of life

To lay aside his crown for my soul, for my soul,

To lay aside his crown for my soul.

## JESUS BEFORE PILATE

Matthew 27:11-31

*Congregational Reading*

Narrator: Now Jesus stood before the governor, Pontius Pilate; and the governor asked him,

Pilate: “Are you the King of the Jews?”

Narrator: Jesus said to him,

Jesus: “You have said so.”

Narrator: But when the chief priests and elders accused him, he made no answer. Then Pilate said to him,

Pilate: “Do you not hear how many things they testify against you?”

Narrator: But he gave no answer, not even to a single charge; so that the governor wondered greatly. Now at the feast the governor was accustomed to release for the crowd any one prisoner whom they wanted. And they had then a notorious prisoner, called Barabbas. So when they had gathered, Pilate said to them,

Pilate: “Which one do you want me to release for you, Barabbas or Jesus who they call Christ?”

Narrator: For he knew that it was out of envy that they had delivered Jesus up. Besides, while he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him,

Pilate’s Wife: “Have nothing to do with that righteous man, for I have suffered much over him today in a dream.”

Narrator: Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the people to ask for Barabbas and execute Jesus. The governor again said to them,

Pilate: “Which of the two do you want me to release for you?”

Narrator: And they said,

CROWD: **“BARABBAS.”**

Pilate: “Then what shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?”

Narrator: They all said,

CROWD: **“LET HIM BE CRUCIFIED.”**

Pilate: "Why, what crime has he committed?"

Narrator: But they shouted all the more,

**CROWD: CRUCIFY HIM! CRUCIFY HIM!**

Narrator: So when Pilate saw that he was getting nowhere and a riot was about to break out, he took water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying,

Pilate: "I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves."

Narrator: Then he released Barabbas. After having Jesus whipped and beaten, Pilate ordered him to be crucified. The Roman soldiers took Jesus into the praetorium, where they gathered the whole battalion before him. They stripped him and put a scarlet robe upon him, and plaiting a crown of thorns they put it on his head. They put a reed in his right hand, and, kneeling before him, they mocked him, saying,

**CROWD: "HAIL, KING OF THE JEWS!"**

Narrator: And they spat upon him, and took the reed and struck him on the head. And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the robe, and put his own clothes on him, and led him away to crucify him.

Anthem

*"I Believe"*  
Virtual Chancel Choir

Mark Miller

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 23:26-34a

New Revised Standard Version

*"Father, Forgive Them, For They Do Not Know What They Are Doing"*

As they led him away, they seized a man, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming from the country, and they laid the cross on him, and made him carry it behind Jesus. A great number of the people followed him, and among them were women who were beating their breasts and wailing for him. But Jesus turned to them and said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. For the days are surely coming when they will say, 'Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bore, and the breasts that never nursed.' Then they will begin to say to the mountains, 'Fall on us'; and to the hills, 'Cover us.' For if they do this when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?" Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing."

MEDITATION

"In the Name of Law and Order"

by Barbara Brown Taylor

JOURNEY TO THE CROSS

*“Lay Your Burden Down”*

Leap of Faith

Chuck Girard

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

*(You are invited to write your confession on the slip of paper and nail it to the cross)*

CLOSING PRAYER

**At the foot of your cross, O Christ, we thank you for your undying love. Here we learn that pain does not defeat your undying love. Here we learn that pain does not defeat your purposes, and that only in losing our lives can we find them. By the hours of agony and forsakenness, the scorn of your enemies and the cry of your last breath, we pray that you will not leave us here alone, lost to ourselves, but that you will lift us and draw us to you, until our hearts are filled with mercy and grace. Amen.**

PRAYER MUSIC

*“At the Cross”*

Chris Tomlin

Leap of Faith

There's a place where mercy reigns, and never dies  
There's a place where streams of grace, flow deep and wide  
Where all the love I've ever found, comes like a flood, comes flowing down

*Chorus:* At the cross, at the cross, I surrender my life  
I'm in awe of You, I'm in awe of You  
Where Your love ran red, and my sin washed white  
I owe all to You, I owe all to You, Jesus

There's a place where sin and shame, are powerless  
Where my heart has peace with God, and forgiveness  
Where all the love I've ever found, comes like a flood. comes flowing down (*Chorus*)

Here my hope is found, here on holy ground  
Here I bow down, here I bow down  
Here arms open wide, here You save my life  
Here I bow down, here I bow (*Chorus*)

DEPARTURE OF THE LIGHT

Isaiah 53

Who has believed what we have heard? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him. He was despised and rejected by others; a man of suffering and acquainted with infirmity; and as one from whom others hide their faces he

was despised, and we held him of no account. Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. By a perversion of justice, he was taken away. Who could have imagined his future? For he was cut off from the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people. They made his grave with the wicked and his tomb with the rich, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth. Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him with pain. When you make his life an offering for sin, he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days; through him the will of the LORD shall prosper. Out of his anguish he shall see light; he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge. The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. Therefore, I will allot him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he poured out himself to death, and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

#### DEPARTURE IN PRAYERFUL SILENCE

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Thank you for worshipping with us tonight.

We invite you to join us for our Easter Services:

**SUNDAY, APRIL 17 – EASTER!** – Christ Our Lord is Risen, Hallelujah!  
6:30 AM Sunrise Service at Centerport Beach with Holy Communion  
10 AM Service with Holy Communion here in the Sanctuary  
11 AM Easter Celebration Fellowship in Wesley Hall

*We would like to thank members and friends of the Centerport United Methodist Church for their generous contributions to our Holy Week services.*

*Services will be posted online at Facebook & Youtube*