

FIRST REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*Order of Worship*

April 19, 2019

*Good Friday*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

*from Psalm 130*

Minister: Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD; O Lord, hear my voice. Let your ears be attentive to my cry for mercy.

**All: If you, O LORD, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand? But with you there is forgiveness; therefore you are feared.**

Minister: I wait for the LORD, my soul waits and in his word I put my hope. My soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen wait for the morning, more than watchmen wait for the morning.

**All: O Israel, put your hope in the LORD, for with the LORD is unfailing love and with him is full redemption. He himself will redeem Israel from all their sins.**

\*HYMN

*O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus*, No. 535

(Samuel Trevor Francis) EBENEZER

O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Vast, unmeasured, boundless, free;  
Rolling as a mighty ocean in its fullness over me.  
Underneath me, all around me, is the current of thy love;  
Leading onward, leading homeward, to thy glorious rest above.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Spread his praise from shore to shore;  
How he loveth, ever loveth, changeth never, nevermore;  
How he watches o'er his loved ones, died to call them all his own;  
How for them he intercedeth, watcheth o'er them from the throne.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Love of ev'ry love the best:  
'Tis an ocean vast of blessing, 'tis a haven sweet of rest.  
O the deep, deep love of Jesus! 'tis a heav'n of heav'ns to me;  
And it lifts me up to glory, for it lifts me up to thee.

\*PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND ADORATION

FIRST READING

Luke 22:1-23

*Sam & Courtney Weaver*

*The Last Supper*

<sup>1</sup> Now the Feast of Unleavened Bread drew near, which is called the Passover. <sup>2</sup> And the chief priests and the scribes were seeking how to put him to death, for they feared the people. <sup>3</sup> Then Satan entered into Judas called Iscariot, who was of the number of the twelve. <sup>4</sup> He went away and conferred with the chief priests and officers how he might betray him to them. <sup>5</sup> And they were glad, and agreed to give him money. <sup>6</sup> So he consented and sought an opportunity to betray him to them in the absence of a crowd. <sup>7</sup> Then came the day of Unleavened Bread, on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. <sup>8</sup> So Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, "Go and prepare the Passover for us, that we may eat it." <sup>9</sup> They said to him, "Where will you have us prepare it?" <sup>10</sup> He said to them, "Behold, when you have entered the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him into the house that he enters <sup>11</sup> and tell the master of the house, 'The Teacher says to you, Where is the guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?'" <sup>12</sup> And he will show you a large upper room furnished; prepare it there." <sup>13</sup> And they went and found it just as he had told them, and they prepared the Passover.

<sup>14</sup> And when the hour came, he reclined at table, and the apostles with him. <sup>15</sup> And he said to them, "I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. <sup>16</sup> For I tell you I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God." <sup>17</sup> And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he said, "Take this, and divide it among yourselves. <sup>18</sup> For I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes." <sup>19</sup> And he took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." <sup>20</sup> And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, "This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood. <sup>21</sup> But behold, the hand of him who betrays me is with me on the table. <sup>22</sup> For the Son of Man goes as it has been determined, but woe to that man by whom he is betrayed!" <sup>23</sup> And they began to question one another, which of them it could be who was going to do this.

HYMN

*Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross*, No. 264

(Fanny Crosby) NEAR THE CROSS

Jesus, keep me near the cross; there a precious fountain,  
Free to all — a healing stream — flows from Calv'ry's mountain.

*Chorus:*

*In the cross, in the cross, be my glory ever;  
Till my raptured soul shall find rest beyond the river.*

Near the cross, a trembling soul, love and mercy found me;  
There the bright and morning star shed its beams around me. *Chorus*

Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes before me;  
Help me walk from day to day with its shadow o'er me. *Chorus*

Near the cross I'll watch and wait, hoping, trusting ever,  
Till I reach the golden strand just beyond the river. *Chorus*

SECOND READING

Luke 22:39-53  
*The Garden of Gethsemane*

*Dave & Bonnie Dering*

<sup>39</sup> And he came out and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives, and the disciples followed him. <sup>40</sup> And when he came to the place, he said to them, "Pray that you may not enter into temptation." <sup>41</sup> And he withdrew from them about a stone's throw, and knelt down and prayed, <sup>42</sup> saying, "Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me. Nevertheless, not my will, but yours, be done." <sup>43</sup> And there appeared to him an angel from heaven, strengthening him. <sup>44</sup> And being in agony he prayed more earnestly; and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down to the ground. <sup>45</sup> And when he rose from prayer, he came to the disciples and found them sleeping for sorrow, <sup>46</sup> and he said to them, "Why are you sleeping? Rise and pray that you may not enter into temptation."

<sup>47</sup> While he was still speaking, there came a crowd, and the man called Judas, one of the twelve, was leading them. He drew near to Jesus to kiss him, <sup>48</sup> but Jesus said to him, "Judas, would you betray the Son of Man with a kiss?" <sup>49</sup> And when those who were around him saw what would follow, they said, "Lord, shall we strike with the sword?" <sup>50</sup> And one of them struck the servant of the high priest and cut off his right ear. <sup>51</sup> But Jesus said, "No more of this!" And he touched his ear and healed him. <sup>52</sup> Then Jesus said to the chief priests and officers of the temple and elders, who had come out against him, "Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs? <sup>53</sup> When I was with you day after day in the temple, you did not lay hands on me. But this is your hour, and the power of darkness."

*To see the King of heaven fall in anguish to His knees,  
The Light and Hope of all the world now overwhelmed with grief.  
What nameless horrors must He see, to cry out in the garden:  
"Oh, take this cup away from me, yet not my will but Yours."  
To know each friend will fall away, and heaven's voice be still,  
For hell to have its vengeful day upon Golgotha's hill.  
No words describe the Savior's plight - to be by God forsaken  
Till wrath and love are satisfied, and every sin is paid.  
What took Him to this wretched place, what kept Him on this road?  
His love for Adam's cursed race, for every broken soul.  
No sin too slight to overlook, no crime too great to carry,  
All mingled in this poisoned cup, and yet He drank it all,  
The Savior drank it all, the Savior drank it all.*

## THIRD READING

Luke 22:54-71

Chris &amp; Joncelyn Abbott

*Jesus Before the Council and Peter's Denial*

<sup>54</sup> Then they seized him and led him away, bringing him into the high priest's house, and Peter was following at a distance. <sup>55</sup> And when they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat down together, Peter sat down among them. <sup>56</sup> Then a servant girl, seeing him as he sat in the light and looking closely at him, said, "This man also was with him." <sup>57</sup> But he denied it, saying, "Woman, I do not know him." <sup>58</sup> And a little later someone else saw him and said, "You also are one of them." But Peter said, "Man, I am not." <sup>59</sup> And after an interval of about an hour still another insisted, saying, "Certainly this man also was with him, for he too is a Galilean." <sup>60</sup> But Peter said, "Man, I do not know what you are talking about." And immediately, while he was still speaking, the rooster crowed. <sup>61</sup> And the Lord turned and looked at Peter. And Peter remembered the saying of the Lord, how he had said to him, "Before the rooster crows today, you will deny me three times." <sup>62</sup> And he went out and wept bitterly.

<sup>63</sup> Now the men who were holding Jesus in custody were mocking him as they beat him. <sup>64</sup> They also blindfolded him and kept asking him, "Prophecy! Who is it that struck you?" <sup>65</sup> And they said many other things against him, blaspheming him. <sup>66</sup> When day came, the assembly of the elders of the people gathered together, both chief priests and scribes. And they led him away to their council, and they said, <sup>67</sup> "If you are the Christ, tell us." But he said to them, "If I tell you, you will not believe, <sup>68</sup> and if I ask you, you will not answer. <sup>69</sup> But from now on the Son of Man shall be seated at the right hand of the power of God." <sup>70</sup> So they all said, "Are you the Son of God, then?" And he said to them, "You say that I am." <sup>71</sup> Then they said, "What further testimony do we need? We have heard it ourselves from his own lips."

## FOURTH READING

Luke 23:1-11, 13-25

Matt &amp; Bethany Mierski

*Jesus Delivered to be Crucified*

<sup>1</sup> Then the whole company of them arose and brought him before Pilate. <sup>2</sup> And they began to accuse him, saying, "We found this man misleading our nation and forbidding us to give tribute to Caesar, and saying that he himself is Christ, a king." <sup>3</sup> And Pilate asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" And he answered him, "You have said so." <sup>4</sup> Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds, "I find no guilt in this man." <sup>5</sup> But they were urgent, saying, "He stirs up the people, teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee even to this place."

<sup>6</sup> When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. <sup>7</sup> And when he learned that he belonged to Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him over to Herod, who was himself in Jerusalem at that time. <sup>8</sup> When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had long desired to see him, because he had heard about him, and he was hoping to see some sign done by him. <sup>9</sup> So he questioned him at some length, but he made no answer. <sup>10</sup> The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing him. <sup>11</sup> And Herod with his soldiers treated him with contempt and mocked him. Then, arraying him in splendid clothing, he sent him back to Pilate. <sup>13</sup> Pilate then called together the chief priests and the rulers and the people, <sup>14</sup> and said to them, "You brought me this man as one who was misleading the people. And after examining him before you, behold, I did not find this man guilty of any of your charges against him. <sup>15</sup> Neither did Herod, for he sent him back to us. Look, nothing deserving death has been done by him. <sup>16</sup> I will therefore punish and release him."

<sup>18</sup> But they all cried out together, "Away with this man, and release to us Barabbas"-- <sup>19</sup> a man who had been thrown into prison for an insurrection started in the city and for murder. <sup>20</sup> Pilate addressed them once more, desiring to release Jesus, <sup>21</sup> but they kept shouting, "Crucify, crucify him!" <sup>22</sup> A third time he said to them, "Why? What evil has he done? I have found in him no guilt deserving death. I will therefore punish and release him." <sup>23</sup> But they were urgent, demanding with loud cries that he should be crucified. And their voices prevailed. <sup>24</sup> So Pilate decided that their demand should be granted. <sup>25</sup> He released the man who had been thrown into prison for insurrection and murder, for whom they asked, but he delivered Jesus over to their will.

HYMN

*Nothing but the Blood*, No. 307

(Robert Lowry) PLAINFIELD

Stanzas 1-4

What can wash away my sin? Nothing but the blood of Jesus;  
What can make me whole again? Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

*Chorus:*

*O precious is the flow that makes me white as snow;  
No other fount I know, nothing but the blood of Jesus.*

For my cleansing this I see — nothing but the blood of Jesus;  
For my pardon this my plea — nothing but the blood of Jesus. *Chorus*

Nothing can for sin atone — nothing but the blood of Jesus;  
Naught of good that I have done — nothing but the blood of Jesus. *Chorus*

This is all my hope and peace — nothing but the blood of Jesus;  
This is all my righteousness — nothing but the blood of Jesus. *Chorus*

FIFTH READING

Luke 23:32-49

*Harry & Allison Binenkorb*

*The Crucifixion*

<sup>32</sup> Two others, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. <sup>33</sup> And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified him, and the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. <sup>34</sup> And Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." And they cast lots to divide his garments. <sup>35</sup> And the people stood by, watching, but the rulers scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his Chosen One!" <sup>36</sup> The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine <sup>37</sup> and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" <sup>38</sup> There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

<sup>39</sup> One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!" <sup>40</sup> But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? <sup>41</sup> And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong." <sup>42</sup> And he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." <sup>43</sup> And he said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise."

<sup>44</sup> It was now about the sixth hour, and there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour, <sup>45</sup> while the sun's light failed. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. <sup>46</sup> Then Jesus, calling out with a loud voice, said, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit!" And having said this he breathed his last. <sup>47</sup> Now when the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God, saying, "Certainly this man was innocent!" <sup>48</sup> And all the crowds that had assembled for this spectacle, when they saw what had taken place, returned home beating their breasts. <sup>49</sup> And all his acquaintances and the women who had followed him from Galilee stood at a distance watching these things.

*Behold the savior of mankind nailed to the shameful tree;  
How vast the love that him inclined to bleed and die for thee!  
It is finished, the battle's over; God's plan is now complete.  
Precious Jesus, O my Savior, gave his life for you and me.  
"Tis done; the precious ransom's paid; "Receive my soul!" he cries.  
See where he bows his sacred head; he bows his head and dies!  
But soon he'll break death's envious chain, and in full glory shine.  
O Lamb of God, was ever pain, was ever love, like thine?*

## MEDITATION

*All My Fault, All My Gain*

Rev. Brent Horan

*Deuteronomy 28:45-48*

<sup>45</sup> "All these curses shall come upon you and pursue you and overtake you till you are destroyed, because you did not obey the voice of the Lord your God, to keep his commandments and his statutes that he commanded you. <sup>46</sup> They shall be a sign and a wonder against you and your offspring forever. <sup>47</sup> Because you did not serve the Lord your God with joyfulness and gladness of heart, because of the abundance of all things, <sup>48</sup> therefore you shall serve your enemies whom the Lord will send against you, in hunger and thirst, in nakedness, and lacking everything. And he will put a yoke of iron on your neck until he has destroyed you.

## \*HYMN

*The Power of the Cross*

Keith Getty, Stuart Townend

Oh, to see the dawn of the darkest day: Christ on the road to Calvary.  
Tried by sinful men, torn and beaten, then nailed to a cross of wood.  
This, the pow'r of the cross: Christ became sin for us;  
Took the blame, bore the wrath—we stand forgiven at the cross.

Oh, to see the pain written on Your face, bearing the awesome weight of sin.  
Ev'ry bitter thought, ev'ry evil deed crowning Your bloodstained brow.  
This, the pow'r of the cross: Christ became sin for us;  
Took the blame, bore the wrath—we stand forgiven at the cross.

Now the daylight flees; now the ground beneath quakes as its Maker bows His head.  
Curtain torn in two, dead are raised to life; "Finished!" the vict'ry cry.  
This, the pow'r of the cross: Christ became sin for us;  
Took the blame, bore the wrath—we stand forgiven at the cross.

Oh, to see my name written in the wounds, for through Your suffering I am free.  
Death is crushed to death; life is mine to live, won through Your selfless love.  
This, the pow'r of the cross: Son of God—slain for us.  
What a love! What a cost! We stand forgiven at the cross.

## THE LORD'S SUPPER

*All those who trust in Christ alone for their salvation, are baptized, and belong to a Bible believing church are invited to partake of the Lord's Supper together, feeding on the grace of God by faith. If you have not put your trust in Christ, please allow the elements to pass you by and take this opportunity to meditate on the meaning of the Gospel.*

*A word to parents: Baptized children are invited to the table after they have made a profession of faith and been received as communing members by the Session of the church to which their parents belong.*

*During the bread**Psalms 143:1-2, 5-6, 8, 11-12*

ST. ELIZABETH

LORD, hearken to my prayer, my supplication hear.  
Reply in truth and in righteousness.  
And with Your servant now to judgment do not come,  
For in Your sight no man is just.

I days of old recall; I muse on all Your deeds;  
I ponder long what Your hands have wrought.  
I stretch my hands to You; my soul longs after You  
As thirsts a dry and desert land.

Let me Your mercy hear when morning light appears;  
I flee to You for my hiding place.  
Teach me to know the way; show me how I should walk,  
For I lift up my soul to You.

For Your name's sake, O LORD, deal graciously with me;  
Relieve my soul in Your righteousness.  
My foes slay in Your grace; destroy my enemies.  
Because I am Your servant true.

*During the cup*  
**Instrumental**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

SIXTH READING

John 19:31-42  
*Jesus' Side is Pierced and He is Buried*

*David & Stephanie Work*

<sup>31</sup> Since it was the day of Preparation, and so that the bodies would not remain on the cross on the Sabbath (for that Sabbath was a high day), the Jews asked Pilate that their legs might be broken and that they might be taken away. <sup>32</sup> So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first, and of the other who had been crucified with him. <sup>33</sup> But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. <sup>34</sup> But one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once there came out blood and water. <sup>35</sup> He who saw it has borne witness—his testimony is true, and he knows that he is telling the truth—that you also may believe. <sup>36</sup> For these things took place that the Scripture might be fulfilled: “Not one of his bones will be broken.” <sup>37</sup> And again another Scripture says, “They will look on him whom they have pierced.”

<sup>38</sup>After these things Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus, but secretly for fear of the Jews, asked Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus, and Pilate gave him permission. So he came and took away his body. <sup>39</sup> Nicodemus also, who earlier had come to Jesus by night, came bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about seventy-five pounds in weight. <sup>40</sup> So they took the body of Jesus and bound it in linen cloths with the spices, as is the burial custom of the Jews. <sup>41</sup> Now in the place where he was crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb in which no one had yet been laid. <sup>42</sup> So because of the Jewish day of Preparation, since the tomb was close at hand, they laid Jesus there.

SONG OF MEDITATION

*O Sacred Head Now Wounded*

(arr. Ortega)

*O sacred Head, now wounded, with grief and shame weighed down;  
Now scornfully surrounded with thorns, thine only crown;  
How pale thou art with anguish, with sore abuse and scorn.  
How does that visage languish which once was bright as morn.*

*What thou, my Lord, hast suffered was all for sinners' gain:  
Mine, mine was the transgression, but thine the deadly pain.  
Lo, here I fall, my Savior! 'Tis I deserve thy place;  
Look on me with thy favor, vouchsafe to me thy grace.*

*What language shall I borrow to thank thee, dearest Friend,  
For this, thy dying sorrow, thy pity without end?  
O make me thine forever; and should I fainting be,  
Lord, let me never, never outlive my love for thee.*

***Please depart in silence***