

A COOPERATIVE WORSHIP SERVICE WITH FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

AND

April 18, 2025 ♦ 6:30PM

GOOD FRIDAY

Welcome.

We are glad that you are here. This is a place where all people are welcome. We hope that your spirit is fed as we worship God, together.

About Worship.

- An asterisk (*) indicates that people may stand in body or spirit. **Bold** print indicates the people may pray/respond in unison.
- Most songs are from the purple *Glory to God* hymnal and the words are projected on the screen.
- The Liturgy by Avery Arden | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org. The Solemn Reproaches are written by Janet Morley, from All Desires Known. Published by Morehouse Publishing, Harrisburg, PA © Janet Morley 1988, 1992
- Large Print Bulletins are available from the ushers.
- For those who need assistance with hearing, we now have **Hearing Loop** technology. You may set your hearing aid or CI to Tcoil or use one of our headsets.
- Thank you for silencing all electronic devices.

We believe children belong in worship.

What could be better than the whole family of God being together in worship?

- Children are welcome to use the **Pray Ground** in the front of the sanctuary. We ask that a parent or guardian sit with their child when they are in the Pray Ground.
- There are **Children's Bulletins** in the information rack and **Children's worship bags** near the information rack in the narthex.
- Should your child need a break, there is a nursery available in the Gathering Room.

We stream our worship services live on our Website and app, Facebook, and YouTube.

If you do not wish to appear on the live stream, please sit in the areas marked as out of the video shot. There are yellow tape markers on the floor to assist you. Videos are available on those platforms.





PRELUDE

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP (read responsively)

We have come to worship the Trinity,

One God, three persons, beyond our understanding yet constantly revealing themselves to us.

We have come to worship an infinite being

who took on finite flesh:

fully human and fully divine—

a being who is love itself, yet loathes injustice; who is almighty,

yet let go of power to be in solidarity with outcasts and criminals.

We gather to worship the living God who was crucified.

*HYMN 215 "What Wondrous Love Is This" WONDROUS LOVE

FIRST READING | Luke 23:20-27

FIRST STORY: Simon of Cyrene

HYMN 221 "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" PASSION CHORALE

CONFESSION

When we follow in the steps of Jesus, we say yes to bearing his cross—not because there is any kind of value in suffering, not to prove our selflessness, nor because God wills it, but because living as Jesus lived makes the cross inevitable. So together, let us pray:

Jesus, when we side with you, we side with all who threaten the status quo. When we refuse to see others' struggles as our own, we abandon our kin to shoulder their crosses alone.

So we pray, O God, embolden us to accept the risks that come with following you— even as we resist the powers and systems that set crosses on our shoulders. Amen.

The first candle is extinguished.

ANTHEM "Worthy Is the Lamb" Lloyd Larson

SECOND READING | Luke 23:39-43

The second candle is extinguished.

SECOND STORY: The criminal on the cross

The third candle is extinguished.

HYMN 227 "Jesus, Remember Me" REMEMBER ME

The fourth candle is extinguished.

THIRD READING | Luke 23:44-46, 48

During which the fifth and sixth candles are extinguished.

HYMN 228 "Were You There" were you there

SOLEMN REPROACHES¹

Holy God,
Holy and strange,
Holy and intimate,
have mercy on us
O my people, what have I done to you?
How have I offended you?
Answer me.

I brooded over the abyss, With my words I called forth creation: But you have brooded on destruction, And manufactured the means of chaos.

O my people, what have I done to you? How have I offended you? Answer me.

I breathed life into your bodies, And carried you tenderly in my arms: But you have armed yourselves for war, Breathing out threats of violence.

O my people, what have I done to you? How have I offended you? Answer me.

I made the desert blossom before you, I fed you with an open hand: But you have grasped the children's food, And laid waste the fertile lands.

O my people, what have I done to you? How have I offended you? Answer me.

I abandoned my power like a garment,

But you have robed yourselves in privilege, And chosen to despise the abandoned.

O my people, what have I done to you? How have I offended you? Answer me.

Holy God, Holy and strange, Holy and intimate, Have mercy on us.

I would have gathered you to me as a lover, And shown you the ways of peace: But you have desired security, And you would not surrender your self.

O my people, what have I done to you? How have I offended you? Answer me.

I have torn the veil of my glory, Transfiguring the earth: But you have transfigured my beauty, And turned away your face.

O my people, what have I done to you? How have I offended you? Answer me.

I have labored to deliver you, as a woman delights to give life: But you have delighted in bloodshed, And labored to bereave the world.

O my people, what have I done to you? How have I offended you? Answer me.

I have followed you with the power of my spirit, To seek truth and heal the oppressed: But you have been following a lie, And returned to your own comfort.

O my people, what have I done to you? How have I offended you? Answer me.

Holy God, Holy and strange, Holy and intimate, Have mercy on us.

HYMN 223 "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" HAMBURG

CLOSING LITANY

BLESSING AND SENDING

Please depart in silence.

All are welcome here.

We believe the church is at its best when we include all people and welcome their gifts.

Our life together is enriched when all people of every race, ethnicity, nationality, sexual orientation, gender, physical and mental ability, age, socio-economic class, immigration status, and family structure worship and serve together.

You are welcome here.

MINISTRY LEADERS

Ministers Pastors

Organist Choir Director Projectionist Streaming Technician Sound Technician Usher Entire congregation
Rev. Willie Rosin
Rev. Dr. Pamela S. Saturnia
Elise Pickford
Sue Robinson
Wes Walker
Liam Sheppeard
Mike Eversmeyer
Rich Hepker



We are called by God on a journey to worship, serve, love, grow and dream...together.

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