



GOOD FRIDAY  
7pm ▪ Sanctuary ▪ April 19, 2019



# Worship at Westminster Presbyterian Church with Fellowship Presbyterian Church

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## Gathering

We invite you to gather for worship with hearts open to encountering the presence of God through song, prayer, and the word of God read and proclaimed.

\*Worshippers are invited to rise in body or spirit.

## Offering

Today we receive a special offering for Presbyterian Counseling Center which offers critical support for many. Both congregations have a special tie to the Presbyterian Counseling Center. It is located in Fellowship's original church building, and the Executive Director, Claudia McCoy, is a member of Westminster.

## PRELUDE

*Elegy in B-Flat Major*

G.T. THALBEN-BALL

## SILENT PROCESSIONAL

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Blessed be the name of the Lord our God,  
**Who redeems us from sin and death.**  
For us and for our salvation,  
**Christ became obedient unto death,**  
Even death on a cross.  
**Blessed be the name of the Lord.**

### \*HYMN #216

*Beneath the Cross of Jesus*

ST. CHRISTOPHER

## WORDS OF WELCOME

### OPENING PRAYER

**Redeeming God, today we recall again your boundless love for us. Despite your unwavering commitment to us, we remember the ways that we can be like the crowd, protecting ourselves rather than standing up for what is right. We remember the terrible suffering you endured to fulfill your mission. And we are inspired by your unwavering commitment to love along the way. May tonight inspire us to love as you love in all that we are and all that we do. Amen.**

### OFFERTORY

*Come Home*

CRAIG COURTNEY

### READING

*Jesus Is Arrested*

John 18:1-14

Jesus went forth with his disciples across the Kidron valley, where there was a garden, which he and his disciples entered. Now Judas, who betrayed him, also knew the place; for Jesus often met there with his disciples. So Judas, procuring a band of soldiers and some officers from the chief priests and the Pharisees, went there with lanterns and torches and weapons.

Then Jesus, knowing all that was to befall him, came forward and said to them, "Whom do you seek?" They answered him, "Jesus of Nazareth." Jesus said to them, "I am he." Judas, who betrayed him, was standing with them. When he said to them, "I am he," they drew back and fell to the ground. Again, he asked them, "Whom do you seek?" And they said, "Jesus of Nazareth." Jesus answered, "I told you that I am he; so, if you seek me, let these men go." This was to fulfill the word which he had spoken, "I did not lose a single one of those whom you gave me." Then Simon Peter, having a sword, drew it and struck the high priest's slave and cut off his right ear. The slave's name was Malchus. Jesus said to Peter, "Put your sword into its sheath; shall I not drink the cup which the Father has given me?" So, the band of soldiers and their captain and the officers of the Judean authorities seized Jesus and bound him. First, they led him to Annas; for he was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, who was high priest that year. It was Caiaphas who had given counsel to the religious authorities that it was expedient that one man should die for the people.

## **HYMN #228**

*Were You There v. 1, 2, 3, 5*

ARR. MELVA WILSON COSTEN

## **READING**

*Peter Denies Jesus*

John 18:15-27

Simon Peter followed Jesus, and so did another disciple. As this disciple was known to the high priest, he entered the court of the high priest along with Jesus, while Peter stood outside at the door. So, the other disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out and spoke to the woman who guarded the gate, and brought Peter in. The woman who guarded the gate said to Peter, "Are not you also one of this man's disciples?" He said, "I am not." Now the servants and officers had made a charcoal fire, because it was cold, and they were standing and warming themselves; Peter also was with them, standing and warming himself. The high priest then questioned Jesus about his disciples and his teaching. Jesus answered him, "I have spoken openly to the world. I have always taught in synagogues and in the temple, where all Jewish people come together; I have said nothing secretly. Why do you ask me? Ask those who have heard me, what I said to them; they know what I said." When he had said this, one of the officers standing by struck Jesus with his hand, saying, "Is that how you answer the high priest?" Jesus answered him, "If I have spoken wrongly, bear witness to the wrong; but if I have spoken rightly, why do you strike me?" Annas then sent him bound to Caiaphas the high priest. Now Simon Peter was standing and warming himself. They said to him, "Are not you also one of his disciples?" He denied it and said, "I am not." One of the servants of the high priest, a kinsman of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, asked, "Did I not see you in the garden with him?" Peter again denied it; and at once the cock crowed.

## HYMN #294

*Within Our Darkest Night*

TAIZÉ

(The congregation will be invited to join.)

**Within our darkest night, you kindle the fire that never dies away.**

## READING

*Jesus Stands Before Pilate*

John 18:28-38a

Pilate entered the headquarters again and called Jesus, and said to him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus answered, "Do you say this of your own accord, or did others say it to you about me?" Pilate answered, "Am I a Jew? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me; what have you done?" Jesus answered, "My kingship is not of this world; if my kingship were of this world, my servants would fight, that I might not be handed over to the religious authorities; but my kingship is not from the world." Pilate said to him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I have come into the world, to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears my voice." Pilate said to him, "What is truth?"

## ANTHEM

*Who Is That Man?*

DON BESIG, NANCY PRICE

## READING

*Jesus Is Sentenced to Death*

John 18:38b-19:16a

After Pilate had said this, he went to the religious authorities again, and told them, "I find no crime in him. But you have a custom that I should release one man for you at the Passover; will you have me release for you the King of the Jews?"

They cried out again,

**Choir: "Not this man, but Barabbas!"**

Now Barabbas was a robber. Then Pilate took Jesus and scourged him. And the soldiers plaited a crown of thorns, and put it on his head, and arrayed him in a purple robe; they came up to him, taunting,

**Men: "Hail, King of the Jews!"**

and struck him with their hands.

Pilate went out again, and said to them, "See, I am bringing him out to you, that you may know that I find no crime in him." So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them, "Behold the man!"

When the chief priests and the officers saw him, they cried out,

**Congregation: "Crucify him, crucify him!"**

Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves and crucify him, for I find no crime in him." The religious authorities answered him,

**Congregation: "We have a law, and by that law he ought to die, because he has made himself the Son of God."**

When Pilate heard these words, he was the more afraid; he entered the headquarters again and said to Jesus, "Where are you from?" But Jesus gave no answer. Pilate therefore said to him, "You will not speak to me? Do you not know that I have power to release you, and power to crucify you?"

Jesus answered him, "You would have no power over me unless it had been given you from above; therefore, he who delivered me to you has the greater sin."

Upon this Pilate sought to release him, but the religious authorities cried out,

**Women: "If you release this man, you are not Caesar's friend; everyone who makes himself a king sets himself against Caesar."**

When Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus out and sat down on the judgment seat at a place called The Pavement, and in Hebrew, Gab'-ba-tha. Now it was the day of Preparation of the Passover; it was about the sixth hour. He said to the religious authorities, "Behold your King!"

They cried out,

**Congregation: "Away with him, away with him, crucify him!"**

Pilate said to them, "Shall I crucify your King?"

The chief priests answered,

**Congregation: "We have no king but Caesar."**

They handed him over to them to be crucified.

## ANTHEM

*O Sacred Head Now Wounded*

ARR. JOHN FERGUSON

(The congregation will be invited to join on the final verse.)

**What language shall I borrow to thank Thee, dearest friend,**

**For this thy dying sorrow, Thy pity without end?**

**Oh, make me thine forever, and should I fainting be,**

**Lord, let me never, never outlive my love to thee.**

## READING

*Jesus Is Crucified*

John 19:16b-27

So they took Jesus, and he went out, bearing his own cross, to the place called the place of a skull, which is called in Hebrew, Gol'gotha. There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, and Jesus between them. Pilate also wrote a title and put it on the cross; it read, "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews." Many of the Judeans read this title, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, in Latin, and in Greek. The Jewish chief priests then said to Pilate, "Do not write, 'The King of the Jews,' but, 'This man said, I am King of the Jews.'" Pilate answered, "What I have written I have written." When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his garments and made four parts, one for each soldier; also his tunic. But the tunic was without seam, woven from top to bottom; so, they said to one another, "Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see whose it shall be." This was to fulfill the scripture, "They parted my garments among them, and for my clothing they cast lots." So, the soldiers did this. But standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother, and the disciple whom he loved standing near, he said to his mother, "Woman, behold, your son!" Then he said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother!" And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home.

## ANTHEM

*Behold the Lamb of God*

HEALEY WILLAN

## READING

*Jesus Dies*

John 19:28-37

After this Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the scripture), "I thirst." A bowl full of vinegar stood there; so, they put a sponge full of the vinegar on hyssop and held it to his mouth. When Jesus had received the vinegar, he said, "It is finished"; and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit. Since it was the day of Preparation, in order to prevent the bodies from remaining on the cross on the sabbath (for that sabbath was a high day), the religious authorities asked Pilate that their legs might be broken, and that they might be taken away. So, the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first, and of the other who had been crucified with him; but when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. But one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once there came out blood and water. He who saw it has borne witness—his testimony is true, and he knows that he tells the truth—that you also may believe. For these things took place that the scripture might be fulfilled, "Not a bone of him shall be broken." And again, another scripture says, "They shall look on him whom they have pierced."

## MEDITATIVE MUSIC

*Rhapsody on HAMBURG*

HOWARD HELVEY

## READING

*The Burial of Jesus*

John 19:38-42

After this Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus, but secretly, for fear of the religious authorities, asked Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus, and Pilate gave him leave. So, he came and took away his body. Nicodemus also, who had at first come to him by night, came bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about a hundred pounds' weight. They took the body of Jesus, and bound it in linen cloths with the spices, as is the burial custom of the Jews. Now in the place where he was crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb where no one had ever been laid. So, because of the Jewish day of Preparation, as the tomb was close at hand, they laid Jesus there.

*The Lord's Prayer*

The solemn, ancient liturgical tradition of whispering the Lord's Prayer helps us to feel that we are standing right at Jesus' tomb.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;  
and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom and the power  
and the glory, forever. Amen.**

## SILENT REFLECTION

*After the worship leaders recess, all are invited to depart in silence as you feel led.*

### **Easter at Westminster Presbyterian Church**

6:30am Sunrise Service at Bev and Mark Hill's home (121 Kemp Road East)

*Please bring a lawn chair to sit in if you are able. In case of rain, this service will be in the Chapel.*

9am led musically by the Worship Band

11am led musically by the Chancel Choir and organ

### **Easter at Fellowship Presbyterian Church**

Traditional Worship at 9:30am

Brunch at 10:30am

Tapestry Praise/Worship at 11:30am

### **Worship Leaders:**

Nancy Jo Dederer, Interim Pastor, Fellowship

Caroline Sell, Associate Pastor, Westminster

Bruce Weaver, Liturgist, Fellowship

Julie Davis, Liturgist, Fellowship

Sam Perkins, Associate Pastor, Westminster

Ernie Thompson, Senior Pastor, Westminster

Butch Sherrill, Associate Pastor, Westminster

Blake Tickle, Director of Music, Fellowship

Jonathan Emmons, Director of Traditional Music, Westminster

Cynthia Hartis, Pianist, Fellowship

Westminster Presbyterian Chancel Choir

Fellowship Presbyterian Chancel Choir

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