

*Benediction

*We wait here by the tomb
acknowledging the finality of death;
we carry our grief;
the grief of the betrayer,
the grief of the denier,
The grief of the mockers;
the grief of the crucifiers.
It is finished.*

*God of endings, God of darkness,
God of the tomb, God of dark days and great loss,
be with us now as we wait with Jesus.*

Leave in Silence

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

On **EASTER SUNDAY** we will have one service at 10:00 AM with nursery care available. There will be no Sunday School, KFC, or Youth Groups.

The church office will be closed on Monday, April 17th.

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Cranberry Community United Presbyterian Church

A SERVICE OF TENEBRAE FOR GOOD FRIDAY

April 14, 2017

7:30 P.M.

**Please stand as you are able*

The Welcome and Greeting

(Please sign the registration pad and pass it back to the end of the row)

The Prelude

“God so Loved the World”

The Call to Worship

*Song of Praise

“The Wonderful Cross”

***(1) When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of Glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride.***

***(2) See from His head, His hands, His feet,
Sorrow and love flow mingled down.
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?***

CHORUS

***Oh, the wonderful cross, oh, the wonderful cross
Bids me come and die and find that I may truly live.
Oh, the wonderful cross, oh, the wonderful cross.
All who gather here by grace draw near and bless Your name.***

***(3) Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were an offering far too small.
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.***

REPEAT CHORUS TWICE

The Litany of Confession

'ASTOR: 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.

'EOPLE: **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.**

'ASTOR: 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.

'EOPLE: **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.**

'ASTOR: Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him with pain.

'LL: **Oh Lord, on this darkest of nights, we sit as those who have abandoned You and caused You pain. We deny You with our words and actions; we betray You with the ways we keep silent and the ways we fail to act. We are slaves to sin, and we can do nothing on our own to change that. As we listen again to the story told, we hear once more how costly it was for us to be able to proclaim the words, “in the name of Jesus Christ we are forgiven.” For the sake of Your Son, have mercy on us. Forgive us; renew us; lead us so that we may walk in Your ways and reflect your grace. Help us in our unbelief and in our inaction. In the name of our crucified Savior we pray. Amen.**

'ASTOR: Hear anew what it means to be saved. Hear anew how much our Lord loves all of us. Hear with deeper understanding what it cost this man so that we can declare: “In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.” Now go forth and live in God’s mercy and grace.

An Invitation to Give

The Offertory

“On My Cross”

Carl Cawley

The Prayer of Dedication

*A Hymn # 251

“On a Hill Far Away”

Tenebrae - A Service Of Shadows

The Tenebrae service allows us to dwell on Jesus’ sacrifice. Through the use of readings, silent meditation, and prayer, we will recount together the last days and hours of Jesus’ life, reflect on the emotional aspects of Christ’s crucifixion, and ponder its significance to us today. As we read we will gradually extinguish the candles in the front of the sanctuary ultimately snuffing out the Christ candle, just as His life was extinguished on that Friday afternoon. Certainly we know, and celebrate, that the grave did not triumph, and the light of Christ can never truly be put out, but for tonight we focus on Jesus’ death, and on the sacrifice of our Lord and Savior, leaving in the tension of the cross.

Mark 14:32-42 ~ In the Garden

Matthew 26:47-56 ~ Betrayed and Arrested

Luke 22:54-62 ~ Denied

“Were You There?”

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble,

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Matthew 26:57-68 and Matthew 27:11-26 ~ The Trial

Luke 23:26-43 ~ Mocked and Hung

“Were You There?”

Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?

Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?

Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble,

Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?

Mark 15:33-41 ~ It is Finished

John 19:38-42 and Matthew 57:61 ~ The Burial

“Were You There?”

Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?

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