

Father, forgive them;
for they know not what they do

Verily I say unto thee,
Today shalt thou be with me in paradise

He saith unto his mother,

Behold thy son!

Then saith he to the disciple,

Behold thy mother!

&

that is to say,

My God, my God,

why hast thou

forsaken me?

I thirst It is finished!

Father, into thy hands
I commend my spirit

We, the members of Peace United Church of Christ, believe that we are called to be a congregation of grace and welcome to all of God's children:

- to celebrate every person as a child of God, created in God's image.
- to love all as God has first loved us.
- to acknowledge the presence of, and offer healing to the wounds of oppression, injustice, prejudice, and hate, and to stand with those who are left out.

Following Christ's example, we welcome and include everyone in all aspects of life, leadership, and ministry of the church. We affirm persons of all races, nationalities, sexual orientations, gender identities, family structures, physical or mental abilities, political stances, faith backgrounds and socio-economic status.

In the way of Jesus, we stand against acts of hate and violence in all their forms.

Therefore, we declare ourselves to be an Open and Affirming Congregation, where an extravagant welcome and grace are extended to all, and each person's gifts are celebrated, welcomed, nurtured and blessed, that all may be one. Amen.

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DELIVER US AND GIVE US PEACE – by John Davies

Lord Jesus,
by your cross and resurrection
deliver us
by your witness to the truth
deliver us
by your passion and death
deliver us
by your victory over the grave
deliver us
from the lust of power
deliver us
from the conspiracy of silence
deliver us
from the worship of weapons
deliver us
from the slaughter of innocents
deliver us
from the nightmare of hunger
deliver us
from the peace that is no peace
deliver us
from security that is no security
deliver us
from the politics of terror
deliver us
from the plundering of the earth's resources
deliver us
from the dispossession of the poor
deliver us
from the despair of this age
deliver us
by the light of the gospel
give us peace
by the good news for the poor
give us peace
by your healing of our wounds
give us peace
by faith in your word
give us peace
by hunger and thirst for justice
give us peace
by the coming of your kingdom
give us peace
Amen.

Peace United Church of Christ
Rev. Eric Kirkegaard
2 April 2021
Good Friday

WORSHIP SERVICE

Prelude “What Wondrous Love Is This?” Arr. Lani Smith
Greetings – A Time of Centering

*All of the hymns used in today’s service are found in
the bulletin at the end of the worship service.*

The Call to Gather

Leader: And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and we loved darkness rather than light.

People: God is light, in whom there is no darkness at all.

Leader: For God sent a Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.

People: If I say, “Let the darkness cover me, and light around me turn to night,” darkness is not dark to you, O God.

Leader: The night is as bright as the day; darkness and light to you are both alike.

All: Come, let us worship in spirit and in truth.

Hymn 283 “Were You There?” vs. 1

The Song of the Suffering Servant (In Unison)

Isaiah 53:4-9

**Surely he has borne our grief and carried our sorrows;
Yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and
afflicted.**

**But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised
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 turned every
one 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 oppression and judgment 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.**

Hymn 283 "Were You There?" vs. 2

Proclaiming the Word - The Passion of Our Lord

Reflection: "A world longing for a savior"

Hymn 272 "Go to Dark Gethsemane" verse 1

I. [Mark 14:26-41](#)

Hymn 272 "Go to Dark Gethsemane" verse 2

II. [Mark 14:42-52](#)

Hymn 272 "Go to Dark Gethsemane" verse 3

III. [Mark 14:53-65](#)

Reflection: "Choosing who we will follow. Do we ever learn?"

Hymn 254 "Jesus Walked this Lonesome Valley" verse 1

IV. [Mark 14:66-15:5](#)

Hymn 254 "Jesus Walked this Lonesome Valley" verse 2

V. [Mark 15:6-32](#)

Hymn 254 "Jesus Walked this Lonesome Valley" verse 3

Reflection: "Weary with Grief"

VI. [Mark 15:33-47](#)

Special Music "Cross of Christ Medley" arr. Larry Shackley

Prayers of the People (adapted from Bruce Prewer)

Leader: How have we forsaken you, O God?

Where there is suffering, we turn our eyes.

Where there is exclusion, we turn our backs.

Where there is need, we turn our hearts.

Where there is injustice, we remain silent.

And yet, we know that you are among the injured,
and the lonely, and the hungry, and the poor.

People: How have we forsaken you, O God?

Silence

We seek your saving grace, God of Christ Jesus, for all
those who on this Good Friday are lost among their
doubts, sins, griefs or fears.

O crucified Christ, have mercy on your sisters and
brothers.

O God of the Cross, deliver us from all evil.

For those who suffer gravely from the cruel abuse of their fellows, and all who suffer because of the apathy and neglect of respectable people.

O crucified Christ, have mercy on your sisters and brothers.

O God of the Cross, deliver us from all evil.

For those who are suffering from disease or accident, for those struggling through the pandemic and all of its devastating impacts.

O crucified Christ, have mercy on your sisters and brothers.

O God of the Cross, deliver us from all evil.

For people who bear their suffering alone and unaided, and others who though surrounded by medical personnel and equipment, still find their pain unbearable.

O crucified Christ, have mercy on your sisters and brothers.

O God of the Cross, deliver us from all evil.

For those who suffer abuse at home or at work, and the many children who suffer from the bullying or rejection of their peers.

O crucified Christ, have mercy on your sisters and brothers.

O God of the Cross, deliver us from all evil.

For any who suffer a painful, terminal illness, and those loved ones whose spirits are this day torn by raw grief.

O crucified Christ, have mercy on your sisters and brothers.

O God of the Cross, deliver us from all evil.

For those who in their suffering have no faith to support them, and any whose once-vibrant faith seems to be ebbing away under stress.

O crucified Christ, have mercy on your sisters and brothers.

O God of the Cross, deliver us from all evil.

For all who in suffering still trust and praise their God, and those who while suffering themselves still give comfort to their distressed friends and loved one.

O crucified Christ, have mercy on your sisters and brothers.

O God of the Cross, deliver us from all evil.

Silence

Loving God, we recommit our lives to you that we may humbly carry whatever cross you give us. Now is the acceptable time!

Help us to be your hands, Holy One,

reaching out to heal the hurting of this world.

Help us to be your ears, Holy One,

hearing and understanding the cries for justice and mercy.

Help us to be your arms, Holy One,

embracing the sorrow and offering comfort.

Help us to be your feet, Holy One,

walking with those who suffer and guiding the journey toward peace.

Let us not forsake you any longer, O God.

Now is the acceptable time!

The Lord's Prayer

We remember how you taught us to pray for a different way in our world, a different way in our lives. We pray:

“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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.”

Hymn 283 "Were You There?" vs. 3

Dismissal

I will not leave you orphans;

I will come to you.

Holy God, have mercy on us.

Laying our Grief upon the Cross

(You are invited to come forward and place a bead on the cross as you remember the grief, the burden, that you would place in Christ's care. Place a bead as you hold in prayer your own brokenness and invite Christ's healing.)



There is no benediction offered today, our worship continues until we resume Easter Morning

HYMN # 283 "Were You There"

Eb
Bb
Cm
Bb13
Bb7
Eb

1 Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Were you
 2 Were you there when they nailed him to the tree? Were you
 3 Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? Were you

Gm
Bb7
Eb
Bb
Cm
Bb
Eb
Eb
Bb
Eb
Bb7
Eb
Eb
Bb7
Eb
Eb
Bb7
Eb
Eb
Bb7
Eb
Eb
Bb7
Eb

there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?
 there when they nailed him to the tree? Oh!
 there when they laid him in the tomb?

Ab
Eb
G
Cm
Fm
Ab
Ab
Eb
Ab
Bb

Some-times it caus - es me to trem-ble, trem-ble, trem-ble.

Ab
C
Ab
Eb
Bb
Cm
Eb
Bb
Bb7
Cm
Gm
Bb
Bb7
Eb

Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?
 Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
 Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

HYMN # 272 "Go to Dark Gethsemane"

Eb
Bb
Eb
Ab
Eb
Cm
Bb
Eb

1 Go to dark Geth - sem - a - ne, you that feel the
 2 Fol - low to the judg - ment hall; view the Lord of
 3 Cal - vary's mourn - ful moun - tain climb; there, a - dor - ing

Fm7
Ab
Bb
Eb
Eb
Cm
Bb
Eb
Ab
Dm7(b5)
Ab
Eb

tempt - er's power; your Re - deem - er's con - flict see;
 life ar - raigned. O the worm - wood and the gall!
 at his feet, mark that mir - a - cle of time,

Eb
G
Eb
Bb
D
Gm
Cm7
Eb
F7
Bb
Eb
G
Bb7
F
Eb

watch with him one bit - ter hour; turn not from his
 O the pangs his soul sus - tained! Shun not suf - fer - ing,
 God's own sac - ri - fice com - plete: "It is fin - ished!"

Ab
Eb
Eb
G
Bb7
F
Eb
Fm
Ab
Eb
Bb
Bb
Eb

griefs a - way; learn of Je - sus Christ to pray.
 shame, or loss; learn of him to bear the cross.
 hear him cry; learn of Je - sus Christ to die.

HYMN # 254 "Jesus Walked this Lonesome Valley"

B \flat
F F B \flat

1 Je - sus walked this lone - some val - ley, he had to
 2 Je - sus prayed for his dis - ci - ples; he prayed a -
 3 Je - sus died on Cal - vary's moun - tain; he died a -
 4 Je - sus rose from death's dark pris - on; he lives a -

F C C7 F7

walk it by him - self; O, no - bod - y else could walk it
 lone for you and me. O, no - bod - y else could bear such
 lone for you and me. O, no - bod - y else could die for
 gain for you and me. O, no - bod - y else could bring us

B \flat F C B \flat F

for him, he had to walk it by him - self.
 sor - row; he prayed a - lone for you and me.
 sin - ners; he had to die for you and me.
 vic - tory; he is a - live to set us free.

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LONESOME VALLEY
Irregular

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SPECIAL MUSIC "The Old Rugged Cross"

Bb Bbdim7 Bb Eb ^{Adim} Eb C

1 On a hill far a-way stood an old rug-ged cross, the
 2 O that old rug-ged cross, so de-spised by the world, has a
 3 In the old rug-ged cross, stained with blood so di-vine, a
 4 To the old rug-ged cross I will ev-er be true, its

F7 ^{Bb} F7 Bb Bbdim7 Bb

em-blem of suf-fering and shame; and I love that old cross, where the
 won-drous at-trac-tion for me; for the dear Lamb of God left his
 won-drous beau-ty I see; for 'twas on that old cross Je-sus
 shame and re-proach glad-ly bear; then he'll call me some day to my

Eb ^{Adim} Eb C F7 ^{Bb} F7 Bb *Refrain* F F7

dear-est and best for a world of lost sin-ners was slain.
 glo-ry a-bove to bear it to dark Cal-va-ry. So I'll cher-ish the
 suf-fered and died to par-don and sanc-ti-fy me. home far a-way, where his glo-ry for-ev-er I'll share.

Bb Bbdim7 ^{Eb} Bb ^{Bb} D Eb Bb

old rug-ged cross, till my tro-phies at last I lay down; I will
 cross, the old rug-ged cross,

Bb Eb ^{Bb} F7 Bb

cling to the old rug-ged cross, and ex-change it some day for a crown.
 cross, the old rug-ged cross,

SERVING TODAY

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