

Ashland Area Ministry Association Worship Service

ORDER OF SERVICE FOR GOOD FRIDAY

April 2, 2021

6:00 p.m.

WELCOME

Rev. James Deters

CALL TO WORSHIP

Let the ends of the earth remember and turn to God
May all families of the nations worship together.

Dominion belongs to God, who rules over all.

We will bow down to the dust and rise up to live.

Future generations will hear of God's love.

We will proclaim deliverance to people yet unborn.

The law of God is written on our hearts.

Our minds hold in memory of all that God requires.

My friends, have confidence to enter the sanctuary.

Come with true hearts in full assurance of faith.

We seek to provoke one another to love and good deeds.

We will encourage one another to hope in God.

INVOCATION

Andrew MacGregor

It is hard to believe what we have heard, O God. How could a ministry of love be so blatantly rejected? Who would despise the teacher and healer who reached out to common people with acceptance and affirmation? Support and sustain us now as we recall the horror of Jesus' final hours. May the anguish we observe point us beyond death to catch glimpses of the light you seek to reveal to us. Lead us through the crushing pain and agony to challenge the violence that is ever more prevalent among us. We believe it is your will that we live in unity and peace. Amen.

HYMN "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Paul Simmons

We turn away, righteous God, rather than look at the marred features of our Savior. We join in the mockery and denial lest we, too, become objects of scorn. Our sins separate us from your love, not by your choice but because of the barriers we erect. We draw swords in anger. We lash out with cutting words. We complain about our lot. We neglect worship and shrink from service. We are influenced far more by the crowd than by our Creator. Save us from the powerful clutches of our poor choices. Amen.

(Moment of Silent Prayer)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

You have heard the cock crow, and you have confessed your guilt. Jesus' eyes meet

ours, and they are filled with compassion and forgiveness. Today you are empowered to take up the cross, not as a burden but as a privilege. You can feed the hungry and quench people's thirst. You can say the healing word and offer the reassuring touch. You can stand for justice when others choose what is expedient. You can work for peace amid the prejudice and hatred that divides us. You will live in triumph in the face of death.

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Were You There?"

Joseph Deters

SCRIPTURE

Gospel of John 19:1-16a, 16b-25a; 25b-30, 31-37, 38-ff

MESSAGE

Rev. Rachel Sieja

APOSTLES' CREED

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OFFERTORY Jesus Priceless Treasure.

T. Keesecker

(Please make an offering to the Brick Ministries or New Day Advocacy Center)

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Teena Racheli

Thank you, God, for living among us in the role you intend for all rulers. We long for the reign of love among us when all will act for the common good and none will be hungry or afraid. We are not content to dream of such a day, but intend to work for its realization. Thus we bring our offerings and ourselves to rededicate what is already yours to the realization of your will. We are at your mercy, and we serve at your behest. Amen.

HYMN "What Wondrous Love is This?"

COMMISSION AND BLESSING

Teena Racheli

Good Friday is here, and Easter is not yet,
Still, the promise is before us to seek its power.

God's arm has been revealed to us.

God's revelation in Jesus turns our lives around.

Surely Christ has borne our infirmities and diseases.

Unconditional Love was wounded for our transgressions.

Jesus suffered and died for our healing.

The faithfulness of Christ offers us wholeness.

Let us hold fast to our hopes, without wavering.

Let us provoke one another to love and good deeds.

We will gather together for mutual encouragement.

We seek fullness of life in the midst of death. Amen.

Benediction

LOCAL CLERGY, Officials

NANCY DUFEK, Pianist

SPECIAL MUSIC: Joseph Deters

VMIX Lynn Adams **SOUND** Chuck Gottschall

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SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:00 am

SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:30 am

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