

Frenchtown Presbyterian Church



GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

March 30th, 2018

7:00 p.m.

(The worship service formally begins after the prelude. Please prepare for worship in quiet reverence to calm your mind and your heart so that you might receive God's Word for you this night. Let us be reverent before the Lord in this God's House of Prayer especially on this somber day when we remember Christ's sacrifice on the Cross.)

Greeting and Announcements

Prelude

GATHERING

(All gather in silence)

Call to Worship

Leader: Ah, holy Jesus, how hast Thou offended, That man to judge Thee hath in hate pretended? By foes derided, by Thine own rejected, O most afflicted.

People: **Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon Thee? Alas, my treason, Jesus, hath undone Thee. 'Twas I, Lord Jesus, I it was denied Thee: I crucified Thee**

Leader: Lo, the Good Shepherd for the sheep is offered; The slave hath sinned, and the Son hath suffered; For man's atonement, while he nothing heedeth, God intercedeth.

People: **For me, kind Jesus, was Thy incarnation, Thy mortal sorrow, and Thy life's oblation; Thy death of anguish and Thy bitter passion, For my salvation**

All: **Therefore, kind Jesus, since I cannot pay Thee, I do adore Thee, and will ever pray Thee, Think on Thy pity and thy love unswerving, Not my deserving. This is God's Friday. We come in worship.**
(Brief silence)

Opening Prayer

Hymn #223

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 52:13–53:12

O Hast Thou Offended - Susan Fitchett, Shari Bethman

Bjellquist, Diane Reed.

Creed of Faith – from A Declaration of Faith

We confess that in the execution of Jesus the sin of the human race reached its depths.

The only innocent One was condemned and put to death, not by the sinfulness of one nation, but by the sinfulness of us all.

In the presence of Jesus, who lived out what God wants us all to be, we were threatened beyond endurance.

Blinded by our rebellion against our Creator, we killed His Son when we met Him face to face.

Yet the Son was never more in accord with the Father's will.

He was acting on behalf of God, manifesting the Father's love that takes on itself the loneliness, pain, and death that result from our waywardness.

In Christ, God was reconciling the world to Himself, not holding our sins against us.

Each of us beholds on the cross the Savior who died in our place, so that we may no longer live for ourselves, but for Him. In him is our only hope of salvation.

Prayer

THE TENEBRAE: A SERVICE OF SHADOWS

The candelabras, with six candles and the central Christ candle, is the visual focus for this part of the service. As each event following the Last Supper is remembered from the Gospel of Luke, a candle is extinguished.

Luke 22:39-46

We Sleep While Jesus Prays

Hymn #227

“Jesus Remember Me” (repeated several times)

Jesus, remember me, when you come into your kingdom.

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Luke 22:47-53

We Fight and Jesus Heals