

A Responsive Reading: Isaiah 53:4-6,9

Leader: Surely he took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows,

All: yet we considered him stricken by God, smitten by him, and afflicted.

Leader: But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities;

All: the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed.

Leader: We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way;

All: and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

Leader: He was assigned a grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death,

All: though he had done no violence, nor was any deceit in his mouth.

A Time of Prayer

The Christ candle is restored

*Benediction

*Song

Man of Sorrows, What a Name

Gray 482:1-4

Postlude

Please leave this time of worship reflecting on the suffering and death of our Savior. Plan to return on Easter morning for our celebration of the resurrection of Christ!



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Welcome to Heritage Church!

We're glad you've come to worship with us! We hope you will experience a warm welcome as we worship God together and embrace the truth of Jesus Christ as our Savior and Lord. We are glad to have you with us and look forward to welcoming you back again soon.

If you would like to know more about what it means to become a follower of Jesus Christ, we encourage you to talk with our pastor or pick up the "Two Ways to Live" pamphlet at the information Center or available at twowaystolive.com

To learn more about Heritage, check out our website or consider attending a class designed to introduce you to who we are and why we are here. Please email us at churchoffice@heritagecrc.org or call the church office to let us know of your interest.

Our Mission

To introduce people to Jesus Christ, to help them grow to be more like Him, and then to reproduce the process in others.

Friday, April 7, 2023

Good Friday

GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

A Tenebrae Service - April 7, 2023

The service of Tenebrae, meaning “darkness” or “shadows”, is a prolonged meditation on Christ’s suffering. Readings trace the story of Christ’s passion, music portrays his sorrow and suffering, and the power of silence suggests the drama of this momentous day. We ponder the depth of Christ’s suffering through mounting darkness; through the return of the persistent flame of the Christ candle at the conclusion of the service, we anticipate the joy of ultimate victory.

Words of Welcome

*Call to Worship

Leader: Who has believed our message and to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?

All: He grew up before God like a tender shoot, and like a root out of dry ground.

Leader: He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him. He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows, and familiar with suffering.

All: Like one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not. (Isaiah 53:1-3)

*Song

O Lamb of God Green 302

*Opening Prayer

THE LAST SUPPER

The Lord’s Supper

The Institution

The Meal

Prayer of Dedication

THE SEVEN LAST WORDS OF JESUS

THE FIRST WORD Luke 23:33-34

Meditation & Extinguishing the Candle

A Time of Silence

*Song

What Wondrous Love is This Gray 379:1,2

THE SECOND WORD Luke 23:39-43

Meditation & Extinguishing the Candle

A Time of Silence

Ministry of Music *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

THE THIRD WORD John 19:25-27

Meditation & Extinguishing the Candle

A Time of Silence

Song

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded Gray 388:1,2

THE FOURTH WORD Mark 15:33-34

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A Time of Silence

Ministry of Music *Via Dolorosa*

THE FIFTH WORD John 19:28

Meditation & Extinguishing the Candle

A Time of Silence

Song

Ah, Holy Jesus, How Have You Offended Gray 386:1,2,4

THE SIXTH WORD John 19:29-30

Meditation & Extinguishing the Candle

A Time of Silence

Song

Go to Dark Gethsemane Gray 381

THE SEVENTH WORD Luke 23:46

Meditation & Extinguishing the Candle

A Time of Silence

Ministry of Music *Were You There*

The Christ candle is removed