

Providence Presbyterian Church  
Good Friday Worship Service—April 7, 2023

Prelude: "Were You There?" arranged by Judy Misinara

Liz Volz

Welcome

Pastor Dave Pettit

\*Gathering Song

"Be Still My Soul" vv1

1. Be still, my soul! the Lord is on thy side; \_\_\_\_\_  
2. Be still, my soul! when dear - est friends de - part, \_\_\_\_\_

4  
— Bear pa - tient - ly the cross of grief or pain; \_\_\_\_\_ Leave to thy  
— And all is dark - ened in the veil of tears, \_\_\_\_\_ Then shalt thou

9  
God to or - der and pro - vide; \_\_\_\_\_ In ev - ery  
bet - ter know His love, His heart, \_\_\_\_\_ Who comes to

13  
change He faith - ful will re - main. \_\_\_\_\_ Be still, my soul! thy  
soothe thy sor - row and thy feats. \_\_\_\_\_ Be still, my soul! thy

18  
best, thy heaven - ly Friend \_\_\_\_\_ Thro' thorn - y ways leads  
Je - sus can re - pay \_\_\_\_\_ from His own full - ness

22  
to a joy - - - ful end. \_\_\_\_\_  
all He takes a - way. \_\_\_\_\_

Scripture Reading: Luke 22: 7-8 *The Preparation of the Passover*

Bill Bennett

<sup>7</sup>Then came the day of Unleavened Bread, on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. <sup>8</sup>

<sup>8</sup>So Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, "Go and prepare the Passover meal for us that we may eat it."

"You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand."

\*Call to Worship

Leader: Follow him, up the narrow stairs into that upper room.

**People: We will follow.**

Leader: Listen to him as he invites you to recline against the table.

**People: We will heed.**

Leader: Watch him, as he takes the towel to wash your feet.

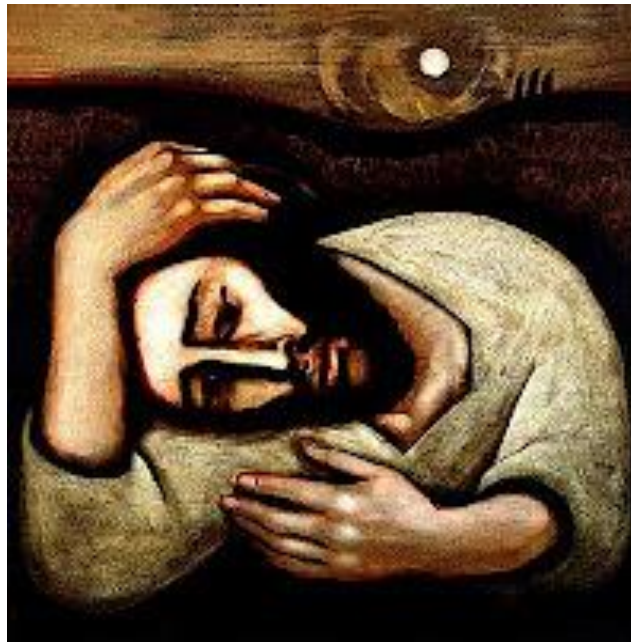
**People: We don't know how to let our leader touch our dirty feet.**

Leader: But if you don't allow him to wash your feet,

**People: We will not likely allow him to cleanse our hearts, to die for our redemption, and to make us new.**

Leader: For to Peter's protest, Jesus answered

**People: "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand."**



*Christ in Gethsemane by artist Michael D O'Brien*

**\*Opening Hymn**

**“How Deep The Father’s Love for Us”**

[congregation joins on verse 3]

1. How deep the Fa-ther's love for us, how vast be-yond all meas-ure that  
2. (Be) - hold the Man up - on the cross, my sin up - on His shoul-ders. A -  
3. (I) will not boast in an - y - thing; no gifts, no pow'r no wis - dom. But

3 He should give His on - ly Son to make a wretch His treas - ure. How  
shamed, I hear my mock-ing voice call out a - mong the scof - fers. It  
I will boast in Je - sus Christ; His death and res - ur - rec - tion. Why

5 great the pain of scar-ing loss. The Fa - ther turns His face a - way as  
was my sin that held Him there un - til it was ac - com - plished; His  
should I gain from His re - ward? I can - not give an an - swer. But

7 wounds which mar the Cho - sen One bring man - y sons to glo -  
dy - ing breath has brought me life. I know that it is fin -  
this I know with all my heart: His wounds have paid my ran -

9 1. ry. 2. Be  
ished. 3. I  
- - - - som. 3.

**Scripture Reading: Luke 22:14-20** *The Institution of the Lord's Supper*

*Pastor Dave Pettit*

<sup>14</sup> When the hour came, he took his place at the table, and the apostles with him. <sup>15</sup> He said to them, “I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; <sup>16</sup> for I tell you, I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.”

<sup>17</sup> Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he said, “Take this and divide it among yourselves; <sup>18</sup> for I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.” <sup>19</sup> Then he took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, “This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” <sup>20</sup> And he did the same with the cup after supper, saying, “This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood.”

Jesus' words echo:

**“You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand.”**

Hymn:

“When I survey the Wondrous Cross” vv.1-2

1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross on which the  
2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast save in the  
3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sor - row and  
4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were a  
prince of glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I  
death of Christ, my God; all the vain things that  
love flow min - gled down. Did e'er such love and  
pres - ent far too small; love so a - maz - ing,  
count but loss and pour con - tempt on all my pride.  
charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.  
sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?  
so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

Invitation to Communion

Choir Anthem: “The One Who Bore My Shame”

Scripture Reading: Luke 22: 31-34 *Jesus Predicts Peter’s Denial*

*Pastor Tom Roth*

“Simon, Simon, listen! Satan has demanded to sift all of you like wheat,<sup>32</sup> but I have prayed for you that your own faith may not fail; and you, when once you have turned back, strengthen your brothers.”<sup>33</sup> And he said to him, “Lord, I am ready to go with you to prison and to death!”<sup>34</sup> Jesus said, “I tell you, Peter, the cock will not crow this day, until you have denied three times that you know me.”

**“You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand.”**

**Scripture Reading: Luke 22: 39-42,45-46** *Jesus Prays on the Mount of Olives*

*Dee Wright*

<sup>39</sup> He came out and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives; and the disciples followed him.  
<sup>40</sup> When he reached the place, he said to them, "Pray that you may not come into the time of trial."  
<sup>41</sup> Then he withdrew from them about a stone's throw, knelt down, and prayed, <sup>42</sup> "Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me; yet, not my will but yours be done." <sup>45</sup> When he got up from prayer, he came to the disciples and found them sleeping because of grief, <sup>46</sup> and he said to them, "Why are you sleeping? Get up and pray that you may not come into the time of trial."

**"You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand."**

**Hymn:**

**"Go To Dark Gethsemane"**



Go to dark Geth - se - ma - ne, All that feel the tempt - er's power;  
Fol - low to the judg - ment hall; View the Lord of Life ar - rained;



Your Re - deem - er's con - flict see, Watch with Him one bit - ter hour;  
O the worm - wood and the gall! O the pangs His soul sus - tained!



Turn not from His griefs a - way, Learn from Je - sus Christ to pray.  
Shun not suf - fering, shame, or loss; Learn from Christ to bear the cross.

Poem: ***Gethsemane*** by Mary Oliver

*Liz Volz*

The grass never sleeps.  
Or the roses.  
Nor does the lily have a secret eye that  
shuts until morning.

Jesus said, wait with me. But the disciples  
slept.

The cricket has such splendid fringe on its  
feet,  
and it sings, have you noticed, with its  
whole body,  
and heaven knows it never sleeps.  
Jesus said, wait with me. And maybe the  
stars did, maybe

the wind wound itself into a silver tree, and  
didn't move,  
maybe  
the lake far away, where once he walked as  
on a  
blue pavement,  
lay still and waited, wild awake.

Oh the dear bodies, slumped and eye-shut,  
that could not  
keep that vigil, how they must have wept,  
so utterly human, knowing this too  
must be a part of the story.

**Scripture Reading: Luke 22: 47-48** *The Betrayal and Arrest of Jesus*

*Diane Vaughn*

<sup>47</sup> While he was still speaking, suddenly a crowd came, and the one called Judas, one of the twelve, was leading them. He approached Jesus to kiss him; <sup>48</sup> but Jesus said to him, “Judas, is it with a kiss that you are betraying the Son of Man?”

**Scripture Reading Luke 23:26-27, 32-38** *The Crucifixion of Jesus*

*John Kullman*

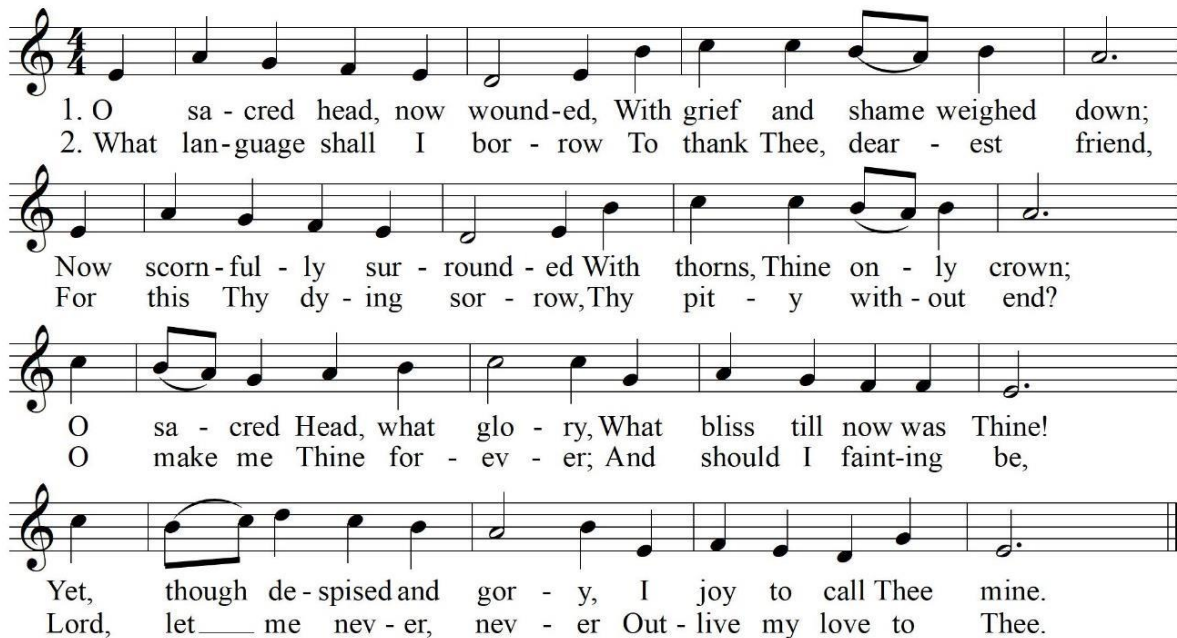
<sup>26</sup> As they led him away, they seized a man, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming from the country, and they laid the cross on him, and made him carry it behind Jesus. <sup>27</sup> A great number of the people followed him, and among them were women who were beating their breasts and wailing for him.

<sup>32</sup> Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. <sup>33</sup> When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. [[<sup>34</sup> Then Jesus said, “Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.”]] And they cast lots to divide his clothing. <sup>35</sup> And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, “He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!” <sup>36</sup> The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, <sup>37</sup> and saying, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!” <sup>38</sup> There was also an inscription over him, “This is the King of the Jews.”

**“You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand.”**

**Hymn:**

**“O Sacred Head Now Wounded”**



1. O sa - cred head, now wound-ed, With grief and shame weigh-ed down;  
2. What lan-guage shall I bor - row To thank Thee, dear - est friend,  
Now scorn - ful - ly sur - round - ed With thorns, Thine on - ly crown;  
For this Thy dy - ing sor - row, Thy pit - y with - out end?  
O sa - cred Head, what glo - ry, What bliss till now was Thine!  
O make me Thine for - ev - er; And should I faint-ing be,  
Yet, though de - spised and gor - y, I joy to call Thee mine.  
Lord, let me nev - er, nev - er Out - live my love to Thee.

<sup>39</sup> One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, “Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!” <sup>40</sup> But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?” <sup>41</sup> And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.” <sup>42</sup> Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” <sup>43</sup> He replied, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.”

Hymn:

“When I survey the Wondrous Cross” vv.3-4

1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross on which the  
 2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast save in the  
 3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sor - row and  
 4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were a

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 death of Christ, my God; all the vain things that  
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count but loss and pour con - tempt on all my pride.  
 charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.  
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 so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

Scripture Reading: Luke 23: 44-46 *The Death of Jesus*

<sup>44</sup> It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, <sup>45</sup> while the sun’s light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. <sup>46</sup> Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, “Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.” Having said this, he breathed his last.

Choir Anthem: “Salvation Found Its Birth”

<sup>47</sup> When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said, “Certainly this man was innocent.” <sup>48</sup> And when all the crowds who had gathered there for this spectacle saw what had taken place, they returned home, beating their breasts. <sup>49</sup> But all his acquaintances, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.



Joseph of Arimathea Lowers Christ from the Cross, from **Art in the Christian Tradition**

Special Music: Lacrimosa– Weeping of Mary

*Sami Copeland*

Closing Words

*Pastor Dave Pettit*



Hymn:

“What Wondrous Love is This”

1. What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,  
What won-drous love is this, O my soul!  
What won-drous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss  
To bear the heav-y cross for my soul, for my soul,  
To bear the heav-y cross for my soul!

Postlude: “Jesus Walked this Lonesome Valley” by Thomas Keesecker

*Sami Copeland*

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Worship Leaders

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**Worship Leaders:** Rev. Dr. Dave Pettit, Piano Accompanist: Sami Copeland,  
Christian Ed Director: Cassie Bennett, Choir Director: Amy Thorne, Special Music: Liz Volz,  
Liturgists: Cassie Bennett, Diane Vaughn, John Kullman, Liz Volz, Bill Bennett, Dee Wright, Pastor Tom Roth  
**Greeters:** Liz Jansch and Steve Boulter

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Join us for Easter!

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Our Easter Sunday Service begins at 9:30 am, April 9<sup>th</sup>, and continues with an optional brunch gathering following the service. All are welcome!

**Note: Pastor Dave will be on Study leave from April 11-17.**