

BROWNSON

MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

A missional community called to love and live in Christ



Maundy Thursday

March 28, 2024—7 PM

Rev. John Hage—senior pastor

Rev. Elizabeth H Doolin—associate pastor for congregational care and connection

Rev. Austin Vernon—associated pastor for discipleship and missions

Kelli Garbett—director of children and their families

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Gathering

The Tenebrae

The word "tenebrae" comes from the Latin meaning "darkness." The Tenebrae is an ancient Christian Good Friday service that makes use of gradually diminishing light through the extinguishing of candles to symbolize the events of that week from the triumphant Palm Sunday entry through Jesus' burial.

This increasing darkness symbolizes the approaching darkness of Jesus' death and of hopelessness in the world without God. The service concludes in darkness, sometimes with a final candle, the Christ candle, carried out of the sanctuary, symbolizing the death of Jesus. During the service there will be extended periods of silence. We invite you to use this time for meditation and prayer. The worshipers then leave in silence to ponder the impact of Christ's death and await the coming Resurrection.

Prelude "Prevane" Gabriel Faure
Diana Kirkpatrick—Organ

+Call to Worship Rev. John Hage, *Senior Pastor*

We are Jesus' disciples, following him even as he moves toward the cross. Even as he wraps a towel around his waist. Even as he kneels to wash the filth from the feet of his friends.

We are Jesus' disciples, longing to be faithful even as the night grows dark. Even as betrayers loom. Even as the powers that oppose the way of Christ press in around us.

We are Jesus' disciples, struggling to love others even as Jesus loved us. We are Jesus' disciples, gathered here to worship God: Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer. Amen.

+Hymn 202 "An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare" O WALY WALY
Verses 1, 3 & 4

**An upper room did our Lord prepare for those he loved until the end:
and his disciples still gather there to celebrate their risen friend.**

**And after supper he washed their feet, for service, too, is sacrament.
In Christ our joy shall be made complete: sent out to serve, as he was sent.**

**No end there is! We depart in peace. He loves beyond our uttermost:
In every room in our Father's house Christ will be there, as Lord and Host.**

Confessing

Call to Confession Rev. Elizabeth H. Doolin, *Associate Pastor for Congregational Care and Connection*

Prayer of Confession O Christ, you washed the feet of your disciples. As we worship you, we ask your forgiveness, O Lord, for the ways we have betrayed you. We, too, have denied your presence. We, too, have let fear stand in the way of faith. We, too, have been selfish or greedy. We, too, are in need of your grace. Forgive us, O Lord, and empower us to follow your lead in washing the feet of the world. Amen.

Kyrie 551 **O Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world;
have mercy on us, Lamb of God, and grant us your peace.**
(Cantor sings first, Congregation repeats)

Foot Washing John 13:3-5 Erin Pollock, *Director of Youth and their Families*
Anderson Barry—Donald Rufty | Jordan Cole—John Cates
Hardin Freberg—Jan Stone | Trent Staal—Marvin Hage

Prayer of Reflection Rev. Austin Vernon, *Associate Pastor for Discipleship and Missions*

Service of Tenebrae

The Garden of Gethsemane

Scripture: Mark 14:32-42

Rev. John Hage, *Senior Pastor*

They went to a place called Gethsemane, and Jesus said to his disciples, "Sit here while I pray." He took Peter, James and John along with him, and he began to be deeply distressed and troubled. "My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death," he said to them. "Stay here and keep watch."

Going a little farther, he fell to the ground and prayed that if possible the hour might pass from him. "Abba, Father," he said, "everything is possible for you. Take this cup from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will."

Then he returned to his disciples and found them sleeping. "Simon," he said to Peter, "Are you asleep? Couldn't you keep watch for one hour? Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak."

Once more he went away and prayed the same thing. When he came back, he again found them sleeping, because their eyes were heavy. They did not know what to say to him.

Returning the third time, he said to them, "Are you still sleeping and resting? Enough! The hour has come. Look, the Son of Man is delivered into the hands of sinners. Rise! Let us go! Here comes my betrayer!"

Anthem "Thy Will Be Done" Craig Courtney
The Chancel Choir

Our cup was filled with darkness. Our cup was filled with death.
Christ took our cup and drank it, and gave us life,
and gave us hope, gave us Himself.
My Father, let this cup pass from me. My Father, let this cup pass from me;
Yet not my will, O Lord, yet not my will, O Lord, but Thine be done.

In the blackest night we hear Him in dark Gethsemane.
Pleading with the Father for one more way, for one more hope, for one more day.
My Father, let this cup pass from me, My Father, let this cup pass from me,
Yet not my will, O Lord, yet not my will, O Lord.
but thine be done.

Then they took our Savior, and led Him to a tree;
and there they broke His body, poured out His life, put Him to death to rise again!
My Father, let this cup pass from me. My Father, let this cup pass from me.
Yet not my will, O Lord, yet not my will, O Lord,
Thy will be done; Thy will be done.

Silence

The Betrayal and Arrest of Jesus

Rev. Elizabeth H. Doolin, *Associate Pastor for Congregational Care*

Scripture: Luke 22:47-54

While he was still speaking a crowd came up, and the man who was called Judas, one of the Twelve, was leading them. He approached Jesus to kiss him, but Jesus asked him, "Judas, are you betraying the Son of Man with a kiss?"

When Jesus' followers saw what was going to happen, they said, "Lord, should we strike with our swords?" And one of them struck the servant of the high priest, cutting off his right ear.

But Jesus answered, "No more of this!" And he touched the man's ear and healed him.

Then Jesus said to the chief priests, the officers of the temple guard, and the elders, who had come for him, "Am I leading a rebellion, that you have come with swords and clubs? Every day I was with you in the temple courts, and you did not lay a hand on me. But this is your hour—when darkness reigns."

Then seizing him, they led him away and took him into the house of the high priest. Peter followed at a distance.

Silence

Peter's Denial of Jesus

Pam Zell

Scripture: Matthew 26:69-75

Now Peter was sitting out in the courtyard, and a servant girl came to him. "You also were with Jesus of Galilee," she said.

But he denied it before them all. "I don't know what you're talking about," he said.

Then he went out to the gateway, where another servant girl saw him and said to the people there, "This fellow was with Jesus of Nazareth."

He denied it again, with an oath: "I don't know the man!"

After a little while, those standing there went up to Peter and said, "Surely you are one of them; your accent gives you away."

Then he began to call down curses, and he swore to them, "I don't know the man!"

Immediately a rooster crowed. Then Peter remembered the word Jesus had spoken: "Before the rooster crows, you will disown me three times." and he went outside and wept bitterly.

Silence

Scripture: Matthew 27:11-14, 22-31

Meanwhile Jesus stood before the governor, and the governor asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?"

"You have said so," Jesus replied.

When he was accused by the chief priests and the elders, he gave no answer. Then Pilate asked him, "Don't you hear the testimony they are bring against you?" But Jesus made no reply, not even to a single charge—to the great amazement of the governor.

"What shall I do, then, with Jesus who is called the Messiah?" Pilate asked.

They all answered, "Crucify him!"

"Why? What crime has he committed?" asked Pilate.

But they shouted all the louder, "Crucify him!"

When Pilate saw that he was getting nowhere, but that instead an uproar was starting, he took water and washed his hands in front of the crowd. "I am innocent of this man's blood," he said. "It is your responsibility!"

All the people answered, "His blood is on us and on our children!"

Then he released Barabbas to them. But he had Jesus flogged, and handed him over to be crucified.

Then the governor's soldiers took Jesus into the Praetorium and gathered the whole company of soldiers around him. They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, and then twisted together a crown of thorns and set it on his head. They put a staff in his right hand. Then they knelt in front of him and mocked him. "Hail, King of the Jews!" they said. They spit on him, and took the staff and struck him on the head again and again. After they had mocked him, they took off the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.

Anthem

"Father, Forgive Us"

Craig Courtney

The Chancel Choir

Father, forgive us each time we close our eyes to a bruised and wounded world,
the shattered, broken lives, empty ones who die alone forsaken in their shame.
Every time we turn away we crucify again.

Father, forgive us each time that we disown mothers who have lost their sons,
the children with no home,
Thousands crying out in thirst, the prisoners in pain.
Every time we turn away we crucify again

Father, forgive us, our hearts remain unmoved by suffering and poverty,
we know not what we do.

When we fail to hear the voice of Christ in every cry,
when we do not recognize the Savior in their eyes,
we crucify again, we crucify again, we crucify again, we crucify again.
Father, forgive us.

Silence

The Crucifixion of Jesus

Rev. Elizabeth H. Doolin, *Associate Pastor for Congregational Care*

Scripture: John 19:16-27

Finally Pilate handed him over to them to be crucified.

So the soldiers took charge of Jesus. Carrying his own cross, he went out to the place of the Skull (which in Aramaic is called Golgotha). There they crucified him, and with him two others—one on each side and Jesus in the middle.

Pilate had a notice prepared and fastened to the cross. It read: Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews. Many of the Jews read this sign, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and the sign was written in Aramaic, Latin and Greek. The chief priests of the Jews protested to Pilate, “Do not write ‘The King of the Jews,’ but that this man claimed to be King of the Jews.”

Pilate answered, “What I have written, I have written.”

When the soldiers crucified Jesus, they took his clothes, dividing them into four shares, one for each of them, with the undergarment remaining. This garment was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom.

“Let’s not tear it,” they said to one another. “Let’s decide by lot who will get it.”

This happened that the scripture might be fulfilled that said,

“They divided my clothes among them and cast lots for my garment.”

So this is what the soldiers did.

Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother, his mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother there, and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to her, “Woman, here is your son,” and to the disciple, “Here is your mother.” From that time on, this disciple took her into his home.

Anthem

“Ah, Holy Jesus”

Howard Helvey

The Chancel Choir

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

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.

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.

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. Amen. Amen.

Silence

The Death of Jesus

Rev. Austin Vernon, Associate Pastor for Discipleships and Missions

Scripture: Mark 15:33-39

At noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And at three in the afternoon Jesus cried out in a loud voice, “*Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?*” (which means “*My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?*”).

When some of those standing near heard this, they said, “Listen, he’s calling Elijah.”

Someone ran, filled a sponge with wine vinegar, put it on a staff, and offered it to Jesus to drink. “Now leave him alone. Let’s see if Elijah comes to take him down,” he said.

Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. Now when the centurion who stood facing him saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, “Truly this man was God’s Son!”

Anthem

“*Lacrymosa*” (Day of Sadness) from Requiem, K. 626

Mozart

The Chancel Choir

Lacrymosa, dies illa,

Day of sadness, day of mourning,

Qua resurget ex favilla,

From the dust of earth returning,

Judicandus homo reus.

Man for judgment must prepare him;

Lacrymosa dies illa,

Day of sadness, day of mourning,

Qua resurget ex favilla,

From the dust of earth returning,

Judicandus homo reus.

Man for judgment must prepare him;

Huic ergo parce Deus,

Spare, O God, in mercy, spare him.

Pie Jesu, Jesu Domine!

Lord, who didst our souls, our souls redeem,

Dona eis requiem,

Grant a blessed requiem,

dona eis, dona eis requiem. Amen.

Grant a blessed, grant a blessed requiem. Amen.

Silence

The Burial of Jesus

Scripture: Matthew 27:57-60

Rev. John Hage, Senior Pastor

As evening approached, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who had himself become a disciple of Jesus. Going to Pilate, he asked for Jesus’ body, and Pilate ordered that it be given to him. Joseph took the body, wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, and placed it in his own new tomb that he had cut out of the rock. He rolled a big stone in front of the entrance to the tomb and went away.

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Join Us

Good Friday

Experiential Prayer Service—Stations of Courage

Friday, March 29—12 PM

Easter Sunday

Sunday, March 31, 2024—9 & 11:10 AM

Higher Grounds—10 AM

Ushers Serving Tonight

Gregg Allen

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