

# BROWNSON

MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*A missional community called to love and live in Christ*



Maundy Thursday

April 6, 2023—7:00 PM

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**Rev. John Hage**—senior pastor

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

**Kelli Garbett**—director of children and their families

**Erin Pollock**—director of youth and their families

**John Tyson**—director of music ministries

**Austin Vernon**—director of discipleship and missions

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# Gathering

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## 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. A loud noise may also sound symbolizing the closing of Jesus' tomb. The worshipers then leave in silence to ponder the impact of Christ's death and await the coming Resurrection.

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**Prelude** "Meditation on 'Wondrous Love'" arr. McDonald  
David Jesse—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

# Confessing

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**Call to Confession** Rev. Elizabeth H. Doolin, *Associate Pastor*

**Prayer of Confession** O Christ, you washed the feet of your disciples and shared a meal with people who would betray you. As we prepare to share a meal with 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)

**Assurance of Pardon**

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**Foot Washing**

John 13:3-5

Erin Pollock, *Director of Youth and their families*

John Depenbrock - Austin Vernon | Ella Hall - Missy Quis | Martha Anne Harris - Anna Hage  
Luke Markotich - Ryan Ciccone | Maggie Neller - Allison Harris

**Prayer of Reflection**

Austin Vernon, *Director of Discipleship and Missions*

Anthem

*"I Am Light, I Am Life, I Am Love"*

At this table, come and dine, feast on bread, partake the wine. Do this in remembrance of Me. This, my body and my blood, for the weary soul outpoured. Do this in remembrance of Me. I was given for you. Come and taste of the Father's love. As you drink from the cup, remember the blood shed for you. I am Light. I am Life. I am Love.

Let us break bread together on our knees. Let us break bread together on our knees. When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me.

**The Lord's Supper**

During Communion, you will be invited to come forward to take the elements of bread and cup using the center aisle, returning down the outer aisles. You may partake in the elements upon receiving them.

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## Service of Tenebrae

**The Garden of Gethsemane**

Scripture: Mark 14:32-42

Rev. Elizabeth H. Doolin

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

*"As You Will, It Will Be"*

McDonald

Come and sit here; pray with Me, Peter, sons of Zebedee; for My soul is sorrowful, even unto death, to death. Come watch with Me, and be with Me, for I will pray to My Father: "Lord, not as I will, but as You will. Let this cup pass from Me. As You will, it will be." How could you not watch with Me? Peter, pray! Thy flesh is weak. sleeping, resting; let them be, in this hour of death, of death.

*Silence*

### **The Betrayal and Arrest of Jesus**

Scripture: Luke 22:47-54

Jeff Ward

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.

Anthem

*"Are You the Christ"*

Larson

Are You the Christ people claim You to be?  
Are You the One who makes the blind to see?  
Are You the Christ? Are You God's holy Son?  
King of the Jews, are You the Chosen One?  
Are You the Christ that the people acclaim?  
Are You the One they say heals the lame?  
From Galilee, You're that carpenter's Son!  
We don't believe You're the Chosen One.  
Jesus stood silent as insults were hurled, rejected by His own.  
Here stood the Christ, God's own gift to the world, condemned and all alone.  
Are You the Christ? Are You the Christ who turns water to winds and raises the dead?  
Come, show us a sign! Walk on the water, let's see how it's done!  
Now save Yourself, Jesus Christ, if You're the one!

*Silence*

## **Peter's Denial of Jesus**

Scripture: Matthew 26:69-75

Katherine Ewing

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.

Anthem

*"Lord, Is It I?"*

Martin

On the night He was betrayed, Jesus broke the bread.

He shared it with His chosen ones, and they all were fed.

He spoke of His betrayal and they began to cry. Through bitter tears they asked Him, "Lord Jesus, is it I?" They looked at once another, ashamed of what they saw.

Each of them had failed Him and betrayed the Lord of all.

Judas for the silver, and Peter for his pride. Yes, all of them were asking,

"Lord Jesus, is it I?" As we gather at the table and contemplate God's love,

We hold His broken body and drink the sacred cup.

And in the wine's reflection, it comes before our eyes,

And we must asked the question, "Lord Jesus, is it I?"

*Silence*

## ***The Trial of Jesus***

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

Austin Vernon

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

*"Let Him be Crucified"*

McDonald

To free or crucify Barabbas, Jesus Christ? Let Him be crucified!

What evil has He done, this Jesus Christ, the Son? Let Him be crucified!

His blood be on us, and on our children! Lead Him away to this cross to be crucified!

The thorns upon His head. They scorned at Him and said, "Let Him be crucified!"

He cannot save Himself, this king of Israel! Let Him be crucified!"

And in the darkest hour, these words He cried: "My God, hast Thou forsaken me?"

He was crucified!

*Silence*

## **The Crucifixion of Jesus**

Scripture: John 19:16-27

Matt Franks

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

*“Alas, and Did My Savior Bleed”*

arr. Purifoy

Alas, and did my Savior bleed, and did my Sov’ reign die?

Would he devote that sacred head for sinner such as I?

Was it for crimes that I have done, he groaned upon the tree?

Amazing pity, grace unknown and love beyond degree.

Well might the sun in darkness hide, and shut its glories in,

When God, the mighty maker, died for his own creature’s sin.

Thus, might I hide my blushing face while his dear cross appears;

Dissolve my heart in thankfulness, and melt mine eyes to tears.

But drops of tears can n’er repay the debt of love I owe.

Here, Lord I give myself away,

Here, Lord I give myself away, ‘tis all that I can do.

*Silence*

**The Death of Jesus**

Scripture: Mark 15:33-39

Rev. Elizabeth H. Doolin

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.

Solo

*“He Never Said A Mumblin’ Word”*

arr. Moses Hogan

Michael Crouse, tenor

Wasn't it a pity and a shame? And He never said a mumbalin' word, not a word.

They pierced Him in the side, and He never said a mumbalin' word, not a word.

His blood came trickling down, and He never said a mumbalin' word, not a word.

He bowed His head and died, and He never said a mumbalin' word, not a word.

With a loud cry, Jesus breathed his last.

The curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. And when the centurion, who stood there in front of Jesus, saw how he died, he said, “Surely this man was the Son of God!”

Anthem

*"It Is Finished"*

arr. McDonald

"It is finished." These words He cried. Silence! Silence! He bled and died. Then the earth shook the darkened sky. "It is finished," My Lord was crucified. Were you there when they crucified my Lord? Some times it causes me to tremble. Were you there when they crucified my Lord? Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb? Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble. Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?

*Silence*

### **The Burial of Jesus**

Scripture: Matthew 27:57-60

Rev. John Hage

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.

**Please use this meditative time for reflection and depart in silence.**

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## **Join Us**

### **Good Friday Prayer Service**

Friday, April 7—12 PM

### **Easter Sunday**

Sunday, April 9—9 & 11:10 AM

Higher Grounds—10 AM

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### **Ushers Serving Tonight**

**Ryan Ciccone**

**Sara James**

