

# GOOD FRIDAY

March 25, 2016

7:30PM

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*The word “Tenebrae” is Latin for “shadows” or “darkness.”  
The purpose of the Tenebrae service is to re-create the emotional aspects of the  
Passion story, through the reading of a portion of the Passion narrative.*

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PRELUDE

“Hallelujah”

Leonard Cohen, arr. Joel Raney

GREETING AND CALL TO WORSHIP *(from Isaiah 53)*

Who has believed what we have heard? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?

**Surely, he has born our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken,  
smitten by God, and afflicted.**

But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities; upon him was the  
chastisement that made us whole,

**And with his stripes we are healed.**

*[A moment of silence is kept.]*

O crucified Jesus,  
Son of the Creator,  
eternal Word of God,  
**we worship you.**

O crucified Jesus, holy temple of God,  
dwelling place of the Most High,  
gate of heaven, burning flame of love,  
**we worship you.**

O crucified Jesus,  
sanctuary of justice and love,  
full of kindness, source of faithfulness,  
**we worship you.**

O crucified Jesus, ruler of every heart,  
in you are all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge,  
in you dwells all the fullness of the Godhead,  
**we worship you.**

Jesus, Lamb of God,  
**have mercy on us.**

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Jesus, Redeemer of the world,  
**grant us peace.**

OPENING PRAYER

\*HYMN NO. 216

*“Beneath the Cross of Jesus”*

St. Christopher

CONFESSION

CALL TO CONFESSION

LITANY OF CONFESSION

“All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way;  
**and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.”**

You revealed your law to Moses, O God,

**But your people set up a golden calf.**

You challenged them, through your great prophets, to seek justice for the poor;

**But your people preferred false prophets who set their consciences at ease.**

At last, O God, you sent your own Son to woo them back;

**But your people plugged up their ears and crucified him.**

We are your people, O God, all of us:

**Guilty, judged, seeking forgiveness.**

Accept our plea for mercy,

**For we offer it in the name of your Son, our crucified, merciful Lord. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

\*RESPONSE OF THANKSGIVING *“The Kingdom of God Is Justice and Peace”*

**The Kingdom of God is justice and peace**

**And joy in the Holy Spirit**

**Come Lord and open in us**

**The gates of your Kingdom**

SCRIPTURE

John 18:28-37

Page 105, NT

Hebrews 10:11-25

Page 204, NT

ANTHEM

*“Surely, He Hath Borne our Grievs”* from MESSIAH

G.F. Handel (1685-1759)

MEDITATION

Rev. Don Brown

\*HYMN NO. 221

*“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”*

Passion Chorale

OFFERING

*(Tonight’s offering will go to support the Caldwell Food Pantry)*

OFFERTORY

*“Most Holy Lamb”*

Benjamin Harlan

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

SPECIAL MUSIC

*“Were You There”*  
Cynthia Welborn, solo

\*BENEDICTION

(Please exit the sanctuary in silence)

† **A Special Thank You to our WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS:**

Chancel Handbell Choir; Chancel Choir; Cynthia Welborn, Soloist.

† “The Non-Conformist” displayed on the Westville Avenue wall, is the work of artist James H. Daugherty and was a gift to The First Presbyterian Church at Caldwell from Mary Ann Reed and her late husband, Henry.

† On Saturday, March 26th at 8:00PM, you are invited to a special worship opportunity offered by the Youth of our church, **The Great Vigil of Easter Service**. The Great Vigil of Easter traces its roots to the earliest days of Christianity. This four-part liturgy begins with the Service of Light where the new fire is blessed and the people follow the lighted Paschal Candle into the sanctuary just as the Israelites followed the pillars of cloud and fire when they were delivered from bondage. The second part of the service consists of several readings from the Old and New Testaments as we retell our “holy history” as God’s children, summarizing the faith into which we are baptized. This is followed by the Renewal of the Baptismal Covenant. The Vigil culminates in the joyous celebration of communion when the risen Lord invites all to participate in new life by sharing in the family meal, a foretaste of the messianic banquet. The Vigil thus celebrates what God has done, is doing, and will do.

† Your attendance and participation will enhance our worship as we celebrate Jesus’ resurrection on Easter Sunday. Join us at 6:30AM for an **Early Dawn Service** in the Old Burying Ground, or for **Festival Worship** at 9:30AM or 11:00AM in the Sanctuary banked with Easter lilies.

**HOLY WEEK AND EASTER WORSHIP**

**March 26 8:00PM** Easter Vigil Worship Service - Communion

**EASTER SUNDAY**

**March 27 6:30 AM** Early Dawn Worship in the Old Burying Ground

**9:30 AM** Festival Worship Service with Kid’s Page ages 2-5

**11:00 AM** Festival Worship Service with Kid’s Page ages 2-5



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