FOURTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Good Friday Service April 10, 2020

**PRELUDE**  Burns Stanfield

**WELCOME**  Debbie Duval

**CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

One: From palms to passion,

 From shouts of “Hosanna! Save Us!”

 To cries of “Crucify Him, Crucify Him!”

**All: We have experienced the heights and the depths,**

 **The mountains and the valleys of life**

 **In this season of Lent.**

One: We gather on this Good Friday with trepidation,

 Wishing we could skip this part of the story,

 Wishing it were not so familiar.

**All: We gather on this Good Friday with sorrow,**

 **For the suffering that happened long ago,**

 **For the suffering that happens still today.**

One: Holy God, grant us the courage to enter this story

 And find our place in it.

**All: Grant us the courage to stay with Jesus,**

 **As he has stayed with us.**

One: May your Spirit open our hearts

 To the love found even here,

 In this story of death,

**All: That we may find new life in Christ Jesus. Amen.**

HYMN: “What Wondrous Love Is This?” # 215

 Michelle & Tim Sanchez

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

One: Let us turn toward God together to confess our sins against God and one another.

**All: Almighty God, we confess that, like the disciples, we have betrayed and abandoned those whom you have sent for us to love. We confess that, like the religious leaders, we have sacrificed others for our own protection and benefit. We confess that, like Pontius Pilate, we have washed our hands of the violence and injustice committed on our behalf. Draw near to us in the shadows of the cross, that we may find our way to the empty tomb.**

**(Silence)**

**ASSURANCE OF GOD’S GRACE**

One: Our betrayals are not enough to shake Jesus’s love for us. Whenever we are led astray, Jesus calls us back, forgiving us and professing His everlasting love for us.

**All: Thanks be to God. Amen!**

**SEVEN LAST WORDS OF JESUS**

**I. Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.**

Katie Cole

Scripture Luke 23: 26-27, 32-34

Silence

HYMN “O Sacred Head, Now Wounded” *# 221*

**II. Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise.**

Christine Keller

Scripture Luke 23:35-43

Silence

Poem “Thief” ~ *Godfrey Rust*

**III. Woman, behold your son. Behold your mother.**

Debbie Duval

 Scripture John 19:25-27

Silence

Meditation

**IV. My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?**

Burns Stanfield

Scripture Matthew 27:45-49

Silence

Piano Meditation

**V. I thirst!**

Kayla McKinsey

Scripture John 19:28-29

Silence

Pastoral Prayer

**VI. It is finished.**

Hannah Ozmun

Scripture John 19:30

Silence

 Meditation

**VII. Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit.**

Samuel Lopes Teodorak

Scripture Luke 23:44-46

Silence

 Poem “Friday” ~ *Ann Weems*

**HYMN: “***Were You There?”* #228

Lauren Basler

**SILENCE**

*Tonight, we hear no words of benediction, because the events of this day*

*do not conclude until the resurrection of Easter morning.*

*You may stay in the sanctuary (via Zoom) for prayer, for as long as you like,*

 *and leave in silence when you feel you are ready.*

*We continue our faithful vigil through Holy Saturday.*

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