

Wesley Park United Methodist Church

7:00 pm Good Friday
March 25, 2016

We Gather Together

Prelude

Greeting

*Call to Worship

One: Beside the gate, a woman asked Simon Peter if he was a disciple of Jesus.

All: **He said, "I am not."**

One: Later they asked him again, "You are not also one of his disciples, are you?"

All: **Peter denied it and said, "I am not."**

One: Then one of the slaves of the high priest asked,
"Did I not see you in the garden with him?"

All: **Again, Peter denied it.**

*Hymn 292

What Wondrous Love Is This

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

One: Christ Jesus was despised and rejected.

All: **We thought nothing of him.**

One: He was oppressed and afflicted.

All: **We hid our faces from him.**

One: He bore our sickness and sin.

All: **We believed God was punishing him.**

One: We, like sheep, have gone astray.

All: **Yet he, like a lamb, was led to the slaughter.**

One: [Silent Confession] Lamb of God, have mercy on us.

All: **Lamb of God, grant us peace. Amen.**

Assurance and Forgiveness

We Receive the Word

Prayer of Preparation

Living God, by your Holy Spirit, open our eyes to see the new light of this day; open our lips to tell of the empty tomb; open our hearts to believe the good news; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Gospel

John 18:1-19:42

Sermon

Rev. Dean N. Prentiss

We Respond to the Word

*Hymn 297

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

Prayers of Intercession

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the One who was able to save him from death. Now we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, in whose name we pray:

We pray for all who are despised and rejected, suffering and wounded, oppressed and afflicted.

We pray for all who feel forsaken, crying out by day and night: Where is my God?

We pray for those who are mocked and scorned, the subjects of insult and injury.

We pray for all who hunger and thirst, whose mouths are dry, whose bodies waste away.

We pray for all who face the end of life, who lie in the dust of death.

We pray all these things in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, source of all healing and endless life. Amen.

Amen.

Offering our Lives to Serve Christ

Stewardship Celebration and Invitation

Offertory

Prayer of Thanksgiving

We give you thanks and praise, O God, for your saving love, poured out for us in Jesus Christ. Receive these gifts we offer—use them to help those who are suffering and to show the good news of salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Departing in Prayer

Jesus said, "It is finished." [All depart in silence and prayer.]

**In The Next Hours Of Prayer And Preparation,
Let The Stations Of The Cross Guide You In Your Personal Devotions**

Station of the Cross	Scripture	Summary
Jesus prays alone.	Luke 22:39-44	Take this cup from me.
Jesus is arrested.	Matthew 26:47-56	Have you come with swords?
Sanhedrin tries Jesus.	Mark 14:61-64	Are you the Christ?
Pilate tries Jesus.	John 18:33-37	Are you King of the Jews?
Pilate sentences Jesus.	Mark 15:6-15	Crucify him.
Jesus wears crown.	John 19:5	Here is the man.
Jesus carries cross.	John 10:17-18	I lay it down of my own.
Simon carries cross.	Luke 23:26	Simon the Cyrene
Jesus speaks to the women.	Luke 23:27-31	Weep for yourselves.
Jesus is crucified.	Luke 23:33-34	Jesus on the cross.
Criminals speak to Jesus.	Luke 23:39-43	Today you will be with me.
Jesus speaks to Mary, John.	John 19:25b-27	Woman, this is your son.
Jesus dies on the cross.	John 19:28-34	It is accomplished.
Jesus is laid in tomb.	John 19:38-42	There they laid Jesus.

March 27 Easter Celebrations begin at 7 am with a Sunrise Service, which will include Holy Communion. Easter Worship continues at 9 am and 11 am.

The youth are providing an Easter breakfast from 8 am until 11 am.