

LAKWOOD AREA MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION
COMMUNITY GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE
CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
April 19, 2019

Theme: *Embrace the Wondrous Cross of Jesus*

INTROIT "The Spirit Song" Hymnal 347

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Condensed from Isaiah 53:1,4-5)

Leader: Today the carpenter's hands are nailed to a cross; the King of kings is crowned with thorns and He wears the purple robe of mockery. Today Christ sets us free, but imprisoned Himself on a tree. Today is God's Friday. We come to worship and to remember His love for us.

People: **Who has believed what we have heard? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? Surely, he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we account him stricken, struck down by God and afflicted.**

Leader: But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed.

People: **May we ever be grateful for Jesus the Christ the blessings of our redemption!**

*HYMN "Beneath the Cross of Jesus" (vs.1-3) Hymnal 297

*INVOCATION (unison)

O Christ, who forsook no one but was forsaken by the closest of friends, and committed no crime yet was sentenced to a criminal's death, we enter your presence in awe and adoration. On this day, centuries ago, you could have saved your life, but you refused to betray the purpose for which you had been born. You had come into the world to love God and neighbor as yourself, and when that love required you to shoulder a Cross, you summoned the strength to bear it. Today, O Christ, as we sing and pray about the cross, teach us its meaning once again, help us to take up our cross and follow you. Amen.

ANTHEM "What a Savior" Central Church Choir
by Williams and Harlan

PASSION NARRATIVES

PASTOR'S TRIO

*HYMN "Lead Me to Calvary" On Screen

REFLECTION ON CHRIST'S SUFFERING Psalm 22:1-8 Rev. Marilyn Danielson

FAVORITE LENT HYMNS Rev. Kathy Smith

"Were You There?" (vs 1,2,3,5) Hymnal 288

"Hallelujah, What a Savior" Hymnal 165

"The Old Rugged Cross" (vs 1,2,4) Hymnal 504

PASTORAL PRAYER FOR THE COMMUNITY Rev. Rebecca Ebb-Spees
AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

SPECIAL MUSIC "Embrace the Cross of Jesus" Video on Screen

(Offerings to benefit the LAMA Benevolence Fund will be received.)

MESSAGE Rev. Ben Ridder

*CLOSING HYMN "To Mock Your Reign, O Dearest Lord" Hymnal 285

BENEDICTION

May the Christ who walks on wounded feet walk with you on the road
May the Christ who serves with wounded hands stretch out your hands to serve
May the Christ who loves with a wounded heart open your hearts to love
May you see the face of Christ in everyone you meet, and may everyone you meet see the face of Christ in you. Amen.

****Please depart the Sanctuary in Silence****

*Stand as you are able

Participating in our service today:

- Rev. Marilyn Danielson, First Congregational Church*
- Rev. Rebecca Ebb-Speese, Zion Lutheran Church*
- Rev. Ben Ridder, Harvest Community Church*
- Rev. Kathy Smith, Woodland United Methodist Church*
- Rev. Dominic Tommy, Central United Methodist Church*
- Marilyn Noffke - Organist*