



Titusville Presbyterian Church

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April 6th, 2024, Fifth Sunday in Lent

*Please stand if able

***Call to Worship** (John 15:11-15)

Leader: These things I have spoken to you, that My joy might remain in you, and that your joy may be full.

People: **This is My commandment, that you love one another, as I have loved you.**

Leader: Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends. You are My friends if you do whatever I command you.

People: **No longer do I call you servants, for a servant does not know what his master is doing.**

All: **But I have called you friends, for all things I have heard from My Father, I have made known to you.**

220 Go to Dark Gethsemane

1 Go to dark Geth - sem - a - ne, all who feel the
 2 Fol - low to the judg - ment hall; view the Lord of
 3 Cal - vary's mourn - ful moun - tain climb; there, a - dor - ing
 4 Ear - ly has - ten to the tomb where they laid his

tempt - er's power; your Re - deem - er's con - flict see;
 life ar - rained; O the worm - wood and the gall!
 at his feet, mark that mir - a - cle of time,
 breath - less clay: all is sol - i - tude and gloom.

watch with him one bit - ter hour; turn not from his
 O the pangs his soul sus - tained! Shun not suf - fering,
 God's own sac - ri - fice com - plete; "It is fin - ished!"
 Who has tak - en him a - way? Christ is risen! He

griefs a - way; learn from Je - sus Christ to pray.
 shame, or loss; learn from him to bear the cross.
 hear him cry; learn from Je - sus Christ to die.
 meets our eyes. Sav - ior, teach us so to rise.

The composer intended this tune for "Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me" (no. 438), but its solemn tone and small range make it an effective setting for this series of somber vignettes portraying what Christians can learn from Christ: to pray, to bear the cross, to die, and to rise.

Please be seated.

Call to Confession (Romans 6:15-18)

What then? Shall we sin because we are not under law but under grace? Certainly not! ¹⁶ Do you not know that to whom you present yourselves slaves to obey, you are that one's slaves whom you obey, whether of sin leading to death, or of obedience leading to righteousness? ¹⁷ But God be thanked that though you were slaves of sin, yet you obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine to which you were delivered. ¹⁸ And having been set free from sin, you became slaves of righteousness.

Prayer of Confession

Holy Father, we know we have no excuse for our sins. You require an obedient and holy people for Yourself. As we search our hearts, reveal to us where we have fallen short, and forgive us on the merits of the blood on Your Son, who loves us and gave Himself for us. In Jesus Name we pray, Amen!

[Silent confession]

Amen.

Assurance of Pardon (Acts 2:36-39)

“Therefore, let all the house of Israel know assuredly that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ.”

³⁷ Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Men and brethren, what shall we do?”

³⁸ Then Peter said to them, “Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹ For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call.”

***Gloria Patri**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost.**

**As it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be**

– world without end.

Amen, amen.

***Prayer for Illumination**

Gracious God, Jesus said He would send the Holy Spirit into the world to be our Teacher. We need Him to reveal Your Word and teach us what is so needful today. Remove all the misconception and error that we sometime are distracted by, and let Your truth be easy to understand. In Your Son's Name we pray, Amen.

Old Testament Lesson (Daniel 9:3-6)

Then I set my face toward the Lord God to make request by prayer and supplications, with fasting, sackcloth, and ashes. ⁴ And I prayed to the Lord my God, and made confession, and said, "O Lord, great and awesome God, who keeps His covenant and mercy with those who love Him, and with those who keep His commandments, ⁵ we have sinned and committed iniquity, we have done wickedly and rebelled, even by departing from Your precepts and Your judgments. ⁶ Neither have we heeded Your servants the prophets, who spoke in Your name to our kings and our princes, to our fathers and all the people of the land.

New Testament Lesson (John 19:1-8)

Jesus spoke these words, lifted up His eyes to heaven, and said: "Father, the hour has come. Glorify Your Son, that Your Son also may glorify You, ² as You have given Him authority over all flesh, that He should give eternal life to as many as You have given Him. ³ And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent. ⁴ I have glorified You on the earth. I have finished the work which You have given Me to do. ⁵ And now, O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was.

⁶ "I have manifested Your name to the men whom You have given Me out of the world. They were Yours, You gave them to Me, and they have kept Your word. ⁷ Now they have known that all things which You have given Me are from You. ⁸ For I have given to them the words which You have given Me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came forth from You; and they have believed that You sent Me.

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Children's Message

Prayer for the Children

Almighty God, as we read the Gospels, we see that children seemed to be drawn to Jesus whenever He came to visit their village. At the same time, Jesus was always looking forward to His time with them. May our children have that same close relationship and love for Jesus. In Your Son's Name we pray, Amen!

Sermon: "Jesus Prays for Us"

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded 221



1 O sa - cred head, now wound-ed, with grief and shame weighed down;
 2 What thou, my Lord, hast suf - fered was all for sin - ners' gain:
 3 What lan-guage shall I bor - row to thank thee, dear-est friend,



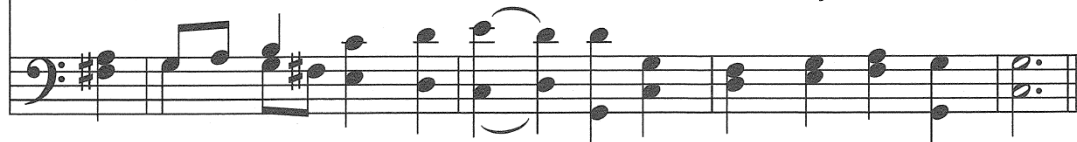
now scorn-ful-ly sur - round - ed with thorns, thine on - ly crown;
 mine, mine was the trans - gres - sion, but thine the dead-ly pain.
 for this thy dy - ing sor - row, thy pit - y with-out end?



O sa - cred head, what glo - ry, what bliss till now was thine!
 Lo, here I fall, my Sav - ior! 'Tis I de - serve thy place;
 O make me thine for - ev - er; and should I faint-ing be,



Yet, though de - spised and gor - y, I joy to call thee mine.
 look on me with thy fa - vor, and grant to me thy grace.
 Lord, let me nev - er, nev - er out - live my love to thee.



This poignant hymn originated in a series of Holy Week meditations focused on the parts of Christ's crucified body: feet, knees, hands, side, breast, heart, face. First joined to secular words, this chorale melody has appeared with this text since the mid-17th century.

***Apostles Creed**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth and in Jesus Christ, his only son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again from the dead, he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

Announcements

Prayer Requests

Pastoral Prayer

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

Offering

Offertory

***Doxology**

**Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost! Amen!**

Dedication

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Words of Institution

Prayers of Consecration

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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**Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Hosts,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory:
Glory be to you, O Lord Most High.**

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Distribution of the Elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving

There Is a Redeemer 308

Christ Jesus has become our righteousness, holiness and redemption. 1 Corinthians 1:30

1. There is a Re - deem - er - Je - sus, God's own Son;
2. Je - sus, my Re - deem - er, name a - bove all names;
3. When I stand in Glo - ry, I will see His face;

Pre - cious Lamb of God, Mes - si - ah, Ho - ly One.
Pre - cious Lamb of God, Mes - si - ah, Hope for sin - ners slain.
There I'll serve my King for - ev - er in that ho - ly place.

Refrain

Thank You, O my Fa - ther, for giv - ing us Your Son, And

leav - ing Your Spir - it till the work on earth is done.

TEXT: Melody Green
MUSIC: Melody Green

GREEN
Irregular meter

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*Benediction

Announcements

- Join us for fellowship and refreshments immediately following worship in the Heritage Room.
- Children's Sunday School. The children will leave worship right after the Children's Message for their lesson.
- The six-week 2025 Lenten Series led by Pastor Steve continues Wednesday evenings from 7 to 8pm through Wednesday, April 16. The study is using the book by W. Phillip Keller, "A Layman Looks at the Lamb of God" by Bethany House Pub.
- **Easter Flowers** -- If you would like to purchase Easter flowers in memory or honor of someone please see Barbara Matlack to place your order. Each flower is \$20. Orders should be placed by Wednesday, April 16.
- **River Churches Community Lenten Services Schedule:**
Maundy Thursday – April 17th - 7:00PM at Kirkpatrick Memorial
Good Friday – April 18th - 7:00PM at Titusville Presbyterian
- **Easter Sunrise Service, 6:30am.** The Easter Sunrise Service will be held in Washington Crossing State Park, lower park.
- **Flowering the Cross and Coffee Fellowship** -- We will be flowering the cross immediately following worship on Easter Sunday morning. Please bring a few artificial flowers, cut short, to place on the cross. Artificial flowers keep the cross looking "alive" longer than live flowers. Coffee fellowship will follow.
- Collecting Non-perishable food items. We continue to collect food for local families in need. Please leave your donations in the narthex. If you would prefer, you may give a monetary donation, and Barbara Matlack will purchase Shop-Rite gift cards for the families.
- We have a prayer team that will pray for your joys , celebrations, and concerns. If you would like prayer, please send an email to bmatlack@titusvillechurch.org and a prayer request will go right out. Also, if you would like to pray for those on our prayer list, please let Barbara Matlack know. She will add you to the prayer team email list.

Deacons

Class of 2025

- Gail Butterfoss
- Judy Niederer

Class of 2026

- Joan Niederer
- Marianne Strickhart

Class of 2027

- No members

Session

Class of 2025

- No members

Class of 2026

- Mark Niederer
- Kristine Schmidt

Class of 2027

- Patti Manz
- Barbara Matlack

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Worship Assistant: Rev. John F. Potter
Accompanist: Emily Rapp

The Rev. Dr. R. William Shaub, *Pastor Emeritus*
Barbara Matlack, *Office Administrator*