

Gilead Presbyterian Church
April 2, 2021; Good Friday, Year B

Convinced of God's Grace, we affirm that there can be no exclusiveness in the body of Christ. We welcome all regardless of race, ethnic heritage, national origin, age, gender, marital status, sexual orientation, or socioeconomic standing; and we encourage the full participation of all in the life of our congregation.

OPENING MUSIC "Near the Cross" by William Doane
Mary Temple, organ and Penny Cameron, piano arr. by Fred Bock

CALL TO WORSHIP Isaiah 53:1-6

¹ Who has believed what we have heard? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? ² For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him. ³ He was despised and rejected by others; a man of suffering and acquainted with infirmity; and as one from whom others hide their faces he was despised, and we held him of no account. ⁴ Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted. ⁵ 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. ⁶ 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.

WORDS OF WELCOME & INTRODUCTION

Hymn **"Just as I Am, Without One Plea"**

**Just as I am, without one plea
but that Thy blood was shed for me,
And that Thou biddest me come to Thee,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come!**

PRAYER

SCRIPTURE John 19:1-16

¹ Then Pilate took Jesus and had him flogged. ² And the soldiers wove a crown of thorns and put it on his head, and they dressed him in a purple robe. ³ They kept coming up to him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" and striking him on the face. ⁴ Pilate went out again and said to them, "Look, I am bringing him out to you to let you know that I find no case against him." ⁵ So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them, "Here is the man!" ⁶ When the chief priests and the police saw him, they shouted, "Crucify him! Crucify him!" Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves and crucify him; I find no case against him." ⁷ The Jews answered him, "We have a law, and according to that law he ought to die because he has claimed to be the Son of God." ⁸ Now when Pilate heard this, he was more afraid than ever. ⁹ He entered his headquarters again and asked Jesus, "Where are you from?" But Jesus gave him no answer. ¹⁰ Pilate therefore said to him, "Do you refuse to speak to me? Do you not know that I have power to release you, and power to crucify you?" ¹¹ Jesus answered

3. The Word of affection (John 19:25-27)

There stood by the cross of Jesus His mother. When Jesus saw his mother, and the disciple standing by, whom he loved, He said to His mother, "Woman, behold your son." Then He said to the disciple, "Behold your mother."

MEDITATION

"What Wondrous Love"

Tim Stan, baritone

4. The Word of anguish (Mark 15:34)

At about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, "Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?" which means, "My God, My God, why have you forsaken me?"

5. The Word of suffering (John 19:28)

Jesus, knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the scripture might be fulfilled, said, "I thirst."

6. The Word of victory (John 19:30)

When Jesus had received the vinegar, He said, "It is finished."

7. The Word of contentment (Luke 23:46)

Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, "Father, into your hands I commend My spirit." Having said this, He breathed His last.

Thank you to our videographers this evening, Stephanie and Alexis Gould.

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