

Cross Roads Presbyterian Church  
Good Friday Bulletin  
Tenebrae Service, April 2, 2021, 7:30 p.m.

**PRELUDE**                      *A Lamb Comes Uncomplaining Forth*                      Setting Shultz

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OPENING PRAYER**

**Unison:**        Almighty God, look with mercy on your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed and to be given over to the hands of sinners, and to suffer death on the cross; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**HYMN**                      *Go to Dark Gethsemane*                      97 (v.1-2)

1 Go to dark Gethsemane, All who feel the tempter's power;  
Your Redeemer's conflict see; Watch with Him one bitter hour;  
Turn not from His griefs away; Learn from Jesus Christ to pray.

2 Follow to the judgment hall; View the Lord of life arraigned;  
O the worm-wood and the gall! O the pangs His soul sustained!  
Shun not suffering, shame, or loss; Learn from Christ to bear the cross.

**SOLEMN REPROACHES OF THE CROSS** (Prayer of Confession):

One: O people of God, O church of Jesus Christ, come before God with a contrite heart and a willingness to seek life anew.

**Many: Holy God, Holy and mighty, Holy immortal One, have mercy upon us.**

One: Our God is Almighty, awesome in power and might. Our God has delivered us from slavery into freedom,

But we have made a cross for our Savior.

**Many: Holy God, Holy and mighty, Holy immortal One, have mercy upon us.**

One: Our God is loyal, devoted in steadfast love to us, the Lord's beloved creation. Our God has saved us from a time of trial given us the bread of heaven,

But we have made a cross for our Savior.

**Many: Holy God, Holy and mighty, Holy immortal One, have mercy upon us.**

One: Our God is persistent in love for us. Our God declares us as branches on the vine and gives us the cup of salvation,

But we have made a cross for our Savior.

**Many: Holy God, Holy and mighty, Holy immortal One, have mercy upon us.**

One: Our God is King and Lord over all, ruling with righteousness and justice. Our God has given us the kingdom and crowned us with eternal life,

But we have made a cross for our Savior.

**Many: Holy God, Holy and mighty, Holy immortal One, have mercy upon us.**

One: Our God is the Prince of Peace, turning our swords into plowshares and blessing those who make peace.

But we have made a cross for our Savior.

**Many: Holy God, Holy and mighty, Holy immortal One, have mercy upon us.**

One: Our God is our friend, who loves us and serves us. Our God showed love for us by washing the disciples' feet, eating with sinners, and loving the despised,

But we have made a cross for our Savior.

**Many: Holy God, Holy and mighty, Holy immortal One, have mercy upon us.**

One: Our Lord declares, "I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, I was naked and you did not clothe me, I was sick and in prison and you did not visit me,

And we have made a cross for our Savior.

**Many: Holy God, Holy and mighty, Holy immortal One, have mercy upon us.**

## TENEBRAE SERVICE AND LORD'S SUPPER

I. ***The Supper*** Luke 22.7-23

**HYMN** *Ah, Holy Jesus* 93 (vv. 1-2)

Ah, holy Jesus, how have You offended

That mortal judgement has on You descended?

By foes derided, by Your own rejected; O most afflicted!

Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon you?

It is my treason, Lord, that has undone you.

'Twas I Lord Jesus, I it was denied you; I crucified You

## THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

### INVITATION TO THE TABLE

### GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND 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.***

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

## **BREAD AND CUP**

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

*(first candle extinguished)*

**II.     *The Mount of Olives***        Luke 22.39-45

**SPECIAL MUSIC**                      *Abba, Father*

*(second candle extinguished)*

**III.    *The Betrayal***                Matthew 26.47-56

**SPECIAL MUSIC**                      *There Jesus Hung Upon the Cross*

*(third candle extinguished)*

**IV.    *The Trial***                      John 18.28-40

**HYMN**                                      *Were You There?*    102 (v. 1 and 2)

Were you there when they crucified my Lord? Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Oh sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree? Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?

Oh sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble

Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?

*(fourth candle extinguished)*

**V.     *The Crown of Thorns***        Mark 15.16-20

**HYMN 98:**                                *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded*    98 (vv.1-2)

O sacred Head, now wounded, With grief and shame weighed down,

Now scornfully surrounded With thorns, thine only crown:

O sacred head what glory, what bliss 'til now was Thine!

Yet though despised and gory, I joy to call Thee mine.

What Thou my Lord hast suffered, was all for sinners' gain;

Mine, mine was the transgression, But Thine, the deadly pain.

Lo, here I fall, my Savior! 'Tis I deserve Thy place

Look on me with Thy favor, vouch safe to me Thy grace.

*(fifth candle extinguished)*

**VI.    *The Crucifixion***              Luke 23.26-43

**HYMN**                                      *Were You There?*    102 (v. 3)

Were you there when they pierced Him in the side? Were you there when they pierced Him in the side?

Oh sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble

Were you there when they pierced Him in the side?

*(sixth candle extinguished)*

## **VII. The Final Breath**

Matthew 27.45-50

### **HYMN**

*Were You There?* 102 (v. 4)

Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb? Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?  
Oh sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble  
Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?

*(seventh candle extinguished)*

### **FINAL READING**

Psalm 51.1-12

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. <sup>2</sup> Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. <sup>3</sup> For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. <sup>4</sup> Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless when you pass judgment. <sup>5</sup> Indeed, I was born guilty, a sinner when my mother conceived me. <sup>6</sup> You desire truth in the inward being;<sup>[a]</sup> therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart. <sup>7</sup> Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. <sup>8</sup> Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have crushed rejoice. <sup>9</sup> Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. <sup>10</sup> Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right<sup>[b]</sup> spirit within me. <sup>11</sup> Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me. <sup>12</sup> Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing<sup>[c]</sup> spirit.

### **SILENT LAMENT**

### **TOLLING OF THE BELL**

*Christ Candle departs the darkened sanctuary.*

*Congregation is invited to exit in silence.*

### **What is Tenebrae?**

The word "Tenebrae," means darkness. The service, which is very ancient, dramatically symbolizes the final hours of Christ's life.

Tenebrae traditions vary. Since the late Middle Ages, the only light during most of the service was derived from a set of 15 candles. These candles were extinguished one by one at the conclusion of the reading of a Psalm. The service concluded with Psalm 51, recited in complete darkness. Another tradition included tolling a bell for each year of Jesus' life.

In our service this evening, we shall extinguish seven candles, each one following a reading from a passion narrative and the singing of a hymn or choral anthem. The narratives begin with the last supper and conclude with Jesus being led to the cross.

After the seventh candle has been extinguished, the church will be darkened. The Christ candle, on the Communion Table, will be removed from the sanctuary. A bell will be tolled seven times, reminding us of the seven scenes leading to the crucifixion.

### **Participants in this Evening's Service**

Rev. Lindsay White, **Pastor**; Debbie Broker, **Int' Director of Music/Organist**;  
Rennie Rhodes, **Liturgist**; Dave Falvo, **Technology Operator**; Chris Sinback, **Bell Toller**

## **Upcoming Events and Announcements**

### **Easter Worship**

Easter Sunday      7:30 a.m., Drive-in Sunrise Service including Communion, in back parking lot  
Easter Sunday      10 a.m., Worship with Communion, in sanctuary and online

As you see, there will be two options for Easter Sunday worship. We will offer a drive-in Sunrise Service at 7:30 a.m. in the back parking lot led by Pastor Lindsay. Participants will remain in their cars and hear the service over their cell phone (doesn't require a smart phone) as we did for Christmas Eve service.

At 10 a.m., traditional Worship will be held in the Sanctuary. Communion with pre-packaged element will be offered at both services. If you cannot attend in person, the 10 a.m. service will be available on the website or via Facebook. The Christian Education committee will provide both the Kingdom Kids and the God's Kids programs for those children attending the 10 a.m. Easter morning service.

### **Upcoming Faith Works Program**

There will be no Faith Works on Easter. Dr. Bill Markus will speak about China on April 18 and 25.

### **Cross Roads Art Group**

Inviting all those who love to do art and would like to join us in Fellowship Hall (safely) so we can talk and do art at the same time. Bring your own projects and an old tablecloth. We'll sit one person per table and have a good time catching up. Hope to see you Friday, April 16, 3-5 p.m. Use the ramp door.

### **Social Justice Group**

The Social Justice small group will meet on Wednesday, April 7 via Zoom video or phone conference. If you are interested in this study and discussion group, please contact Peter Carras for more information or a Zoom invitation.

### **Men's Group Breakfasts**

The Men's Group at Cross Roads will be restarting the Men's Breakfast at Denny's in Monroeville. The group will meet at Denny's at 8:30 a.m. every third Tuesday of the month, starting April 20. Denny's pandemic protocols require a mask and a limit of 10 people for each seating. Call John Kutz at 412.372.1238 or email him at [jp\\_kbkutz@yahoo.com](mailto:jp_kbkutz@yahoo.com) if you plan to attend.

### **Bocce League Season Beginning**

Summer is almost here and that means Bocce is right around the corner! We will be celebrating the league's 10th anniversary, so you won't want to miss it! The twist this season is that every team will make the playoffs. We will have a slightly shortened regular season followed by a double elimination playoff tournament. Everyone will play a lot of bocce and have an even better chance to win the championship! Please invite your friends and family to participate as we are always looking to welcome new teams. The league will be starting the week of May 10 and you can sign up to play on either Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday. Please use [this link to sign up](#).

If you have any questions or concerns, please email me at [commissionercrbl@gmail.com](mailto:commissionercrbl@gmail.com) and I will be more than happy to help! Lastly, a link to the sign-ups will also be available on the website starting on

4/1/21, as well as on the Current Happenings board in the office hallway. Sign-ups will close on Sunday, May 2.

Thanks,  
Dominic Zappa  
Commissioner

### **GOD'S STAR POWER Reminder**

You may have seen or heard about the GOD'S STAR POWER bulletin board in the office hallway. Some folks have put up their reflections and stories about how the verse or word on their gold star touched them. Please share your reflection or story with the rest of us so we can all be inspired, lifted up, strengthened and blessed to read how our heavenly Father has touched each of us in our church family.

It doesn't have to be fancy or long or even signed by you. It just needs to come from your heart.

\*If you haven't chosen your gold star, the Ziploc bag with them inside is hanging on the GOD'S STAR POWER bulletin board. You can bring your posting when you come to church, email it to Chrissy at [cnewmyer@crossroadspresbyterian.com](mailto:cnewmyer@crossroadspresbyterian.com) or pop it in the mail.

### **Food Pantry Thanks You**

Thanks to all who helped with the Easter distribution at the Food Pantry. On Monday and Tuesday, we provided 81 families with supplies to make a holiday meal. The 218 people served included 77 children, 90 adults and 51 seniors. It is a joy to carry on God's work through this ministry.

### **One Great Hour of Sharing "Fish Banks" are Due**

As we have experienced these 40 days of Lent a time to reflect and think of how we can be better people. We often think of how Jesus showed compassion and helped those around him. Examples that come to mind are feeding 5,000, healing the sick, and teaching people about love.

During Lent the children of Cross Roads were mailed "Fish Banks" and asked to collect coins of all kinds and even paper money. During this time of year Presbyterian Churches, under the direction of the General Assembly Mission Council, collect for One Great Hour of Sharing. Your donations will help the Presbyterian Church (USA) in Self-development of People, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, and Presbyterian Hunger Programs. Please bring your "Fish Bank" with you to church on Easter and deposit it in the basket on the piano located in the front of the Sanctuary.

### **Kingdom Kids and God's Kids**

We would like to have the Kingdom Kids and God's Kids programs every Sunday, but in order to do so, we will need many volunteers to make it happen. In accordance with our Safe Church policy, we need two adults per class with required clearances. All curriculum and materials will be provided. When a child is baptized in our church, the congregation makes a promise to help raise the child in the Christian faith. If you are interested in learning more about these programs and/or volunteering, please contact Sharon Kehlert at 412.427.4787 or [slkehlert@comcast.net](mailto:slkehlert@comcast.net).

### **Mother Daughter Banquet**

Tickets for the 93rd Mother-Daughter Banquet (to be held Friday, May 7 at 6 p.m.) will be on sale after church on April 25 and May 2. You can also purchase tickets at the church between April 18 and May 2 when Chrissy is in the office (please email her in advance to make arrangements). The last day to purchase tickets is Sunday, May 2. Catered meals include either stuffed steak for \$18 or chicken

tenders for \$10. Both will be served with mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, salad, rolls and butter, and cake.

### **Volunteers Wanted**

Enjoy a chance to get out and enjoy the sunshine and fresh air and have fun running a BIG lawn mower at the same time. What more could you ask for? Join the YARD BIRDS! Contact Warren Junker at 412.372.0734 for more details and to sign up.

### **Trustees Work Day Tomorrow**

Please join the Trustees this Saturday, April 3, starting at 8 a.m. for a work day. Spring is coming and there's much to clean up on our church grounds after the long winter. Please bring your yard tools. Many hands make light work!

### **Preschool Summer Camp Registration Information**

Register your child for Cross Roads Summer Camp! There are limited spaces and once camp is full it will be closed to registrations. Please see the Epistle for more information.

### **Preschool Registration**

Registration for 2021-2022 is well underway! We have limited spaces available in our classes. If you are looking for a Preschool or know a family member or neighbor who may be looking, please share with them our phone number and encourage them to call for a tour or to register online at [www.crossroadspreschool.net](http://www.crossroadspreschool.net).

### **Last Chance to Order Flowers!**

Women's Association flower sale orders must be in by Wednesday, April 7 and flower pick-up will be Friday, May 14. We will use our 'touchless' pick-up system like last year so all remain safe. Order forms can be found attached to the epistle, in the bulletins and the Connections. You may drop off the order form and check at church, mail them to the church or to Ilona Beatty at 140 Ridge View Rd., New Kensington, PA 15068. Questions? Contact Ilona at 412.798.0270. Please make checks payable to CR Women's Association.

### **Easter Flower Pick Up**

If you did not designate your flowers to be given to a shut-in, please pick them up *after* the 10 a.m. Worship on Easter Sunday.

### **Pastoral Emergency**

If you have a pastoral emergency please contact Pastor Lindsay at 412.215.8810.

### **Love Note**

Dear Anonymous Donor,

Thank you your donation in memory of Fred Schirm designated for updating the technology (livestream, etc.) at the church. Our family truly appreciates your donation for these updates.

Blessings to you,

Diane Schirm and family

## **Joys and Concerns**

### **Joys**

Vera McBride's granddaughter, Morgan, is feeling better after being sick with Covid-19.

### **Congregational Concerns**

Todd Leighton – healing at home

Nancy Thompson – needs prayers for arm issue

Nicole Zappa – continued prayers for healing

Jay Rymer – moved to Manor Care

### **Friends of our Congregation**

The Caprara Family – friends Bob & Cara, their daughter Francesca undergoing testing

Joan Trent – needing prayers for health issues

Nova, Willa Miller's granddaughter – in hospital

LaVerne Lokay's son – needing prayers fighting liver cancer

Lori, Barb Adam's friend – needing prayers, at home recovering

Lori Norton, friend of Cross Roads – needing prayers, fighting cancer

Emilia Grace, friend of Judy Shipley – continued prayers for health issues

Gloria Parady, Judy Shipley's sister-in-law – needs prayers for kidney problems

Robert, Betsy Hughes' father – now at stage 5 Kidney failure, prayers requested

### **Prayers needed for those with COVID or healing from COVID**

Vera McBride's granddaughter Emma, Emma's husband, Chris, and their son, Oliver

Jim Moore

Russ and Nancy Thompson's neighbor

### **For Those We Love So Very Much**

**At Home:** Barb Adams, Pat Bass, Ron Koerner, Gilli Loginow, Kathy McLay, Denise Patterson, Laurene Rymer, HT Schmidt, Jeanne Smith, Ruth Sutherland, Vera Spear, Carl Talackine, Janice Tuck, Barbara Wilt and Bill Wheat.

**Care Facilities:** Madeline Brandon, Cathy Brown, Peg Cain, Betty Kuzenski, Rita Marrow, Dee Petrocelli, Jay Rymer and Bobbi Schmidt.

**Retirement Home:** Patsy Boyer and Barbara Carr