

Quaker Memorial Presbyterian Church

April 19, 2019

Good Friday

7 pm

WELCOME

PRELUDE: *Up Calvary's Mountain* A. Christiansen

CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: Behold the cross on which was hung the salvation of the whole world.

People: **Come, let us worship.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY: Merciful God, you gave your Son to suffer the shame of the cross. Save us from hardness of heart, that seeing him who died for us, we may repent, confess our sins, and receive your overflowing love, in Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN.**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)

Wonderful God, we want to live so that our lives praise you, but we are tempted by greed, selfishness and pride. We have heard your call to witness in your name, but too often we are silent or we run when frightened and unsure. Help us to be faithful followers willing to go where Christ leads. **AMEN.**

CHORAL RESPONSE *Hear Our Prayer, O Lord*

Hear Our Prayer, O Lord, Hear Our Prayer, O Lord,
Incline thine ear to us, and grant us thy peace.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

MEDITATION God Came Near by Max Lucado Nancy Dawson

SCRIPTURE: "Father Forgive Them" Luke 23: 32-34

REFLECTION:

- *How does acknowledging our sins bring us closer to God?*
- *From Jesus' words from the cross, what can I learn about forgiveness?*
- *Who is waiting for my forgiveness and what is holding me back?*

SCRIPTURE: "Today You Will Be With Me in Paradise" Luke 23:39-43

REFLECTION:

- *Have I ever been surprised when forgiveness is extended to another?*
- *Do I ever think people deserve the calamities that happen to them?*
- *When have God's ways not been my ways?*

HYMN

Jesus, Remember Me

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom
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SCRIPTURE: "Woman Here Is Your Son" John 19:25b-27

REFLECTION:

- *Who has served as a family member to me and what qualities did they have?*
- *Who are the ones you could nurture and support as if they were family?*
- *Am I likely to feel either comfortable or uncomfortable with new people in worship?*

SCRIPTURE: "Eloi Eloi lema sabachthani?" Mark 15:33-34

REFLECTION: *

- *When have I cried out to God? How has God answered?*
- *When in my life have I felt most needy and did I know God was there?*
- *What can I do when it doesn't feel as though God is with me?*

SCRIPTURE "I Am Thirsty" John 19:28-29

REFLECTION:

- *How have I "offered a cup of water" to persons thirsty with need?*
- *How have others met my needs?*
- *What times in my life did I feel God's love for me in spite of the difficulties I was having?*

HYMN

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

When I survey the wondrous cross, on which the Prince of Glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.
Forbid it Lord, that I should boast, in the death of Christ my God;
All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood.

SCRIPTURE

"It is Finished"

John 19:30

REFLECTION:

- *Do I have a purpose in life that is linked to God who created me?*
- *When have things seemed to be ruined, but God worked it out for good?*
- *What do I hope people will say about my life when it is finished?*

PRAYER CROSS

Prayers will be removed from the cross and placed into a bowl. They will be taken from the sanctuary at the end of the service and destroyed without anyone reading them.

PRAYER:

Gracious and loving God, you know our needs, hopes, concerns and joys before they are even on our mind. You care for them from the moment they exist. You welcome our prayers for they remind us of our need for you and our conversations with you gives you joy. We give these written prayers into your hands to answer according to your will. Bless the writer of each prayer and those for whom he or she has written. May you be glorified in our prayers of adoration, thanksgiving, confession and intercessions for ourselves and others. In Christ's precious name, AMEN.

SCRIPTURE: "Father Into Thy Hands I Commend My Spirit"

Luke 23:44-47

REFLECTION:

- *What parts of my life have I not given up to God? What keeps me from doing so?*
- *What other people do I attempt to control and how do I do so?*
- *When is it hardest to let go and let God?*

ANTHEM:*Were You There?*

Gerald Doyle, Soloist

BENEDICTION:

Minister: Truly Jesus Christ is God's chosen one.

People: **We will follow where Christ leads us with wonder and with awe.**

POSTLUDE*The Deep Love of Jesus*

C. Tournquist

Thank you to Gerald Doyle for his music leadership.



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