

# *Central United Church*

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*Friday, April 15<sup>th</sup> 2022, 10:00 am*  
*Good Friday*

*We gather....*

Lighting of the Candles

Greeting

Introit: "What Wondrous Love Is This"

Call to Worship (*Isaiah 53:1-6*)

*Who has believed what we have heard?*

**And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?**

*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.**

*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.**

*Surely he has borne our infirmities  
and carried our diseases;*

**yet we accounted him stricken,  
struck down by God, and afflicted.**

*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.**

*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.**

Solo & Congregation: "Man of Sorrow"

Prayer of Approach

**Almighty God, look with mercy on this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, and given up into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death upon the cross; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen.**

Hymn: "Jesus, Keep Me Near The Cross"

Prayer of Confession:

*Examine me, O God, and know my heart; test and judge my thoughts.*

**Find any deceit in me and guide me in the way of life.**

*(Silent Confession)*

*Create in me a new heart, O God*

**And strengthen me with a constant spirit!**

Assurance of Pardon

Video: Experience Gethesemane

## *We hear....*

Prayer for Illumination

The Plot to Kill Jesus (Luke 22:1-13)

The Last Supper (Luke 22:14-38)

Anthem: "When You Prayed Beneath The Tree"

Garden, Betrayal and Arrest (Luke 22:39-53)

Peter Denies Jesus (Luke 22:54-62)

Hymn: "O Sacred Head" (*Stanzas 1 & 2*)

Jesus' Trials (Luke 22:63-23:12)

Jesus Sentenced to Death (Luke 23:13-25)

Anthem: "Lord Remember Me"

The Crucifixion of Jesus (Luke 23:26-43)

The Death and Burial of Jesus (Luke 23:44-56)

Solo: "Why?" (*Alastair McCallum*)

Meditation: "**We kill the flame**"

## *We Respond to God*

Prayers

Let us pray, brothers and sisters, for the holy church of God throughout the world, that God may guide it and gather it together so that we may worship God in peace. **(silent prayer)**

God of power and love, you have shown your compassion in Jesus Christ. Guide the work of the church. Help it to persevere in faith and to proclaim your name to people everywhere.

Let us pray for our minister(s) and for all who serve the church with the gifts God gives them. **(silent prayer)**

God of power and love, your Spirit guides the church and makes it holy. Strengthen and sustain all who minister. Keep them in health and safety and help each of us to do faithfully the work to which you have called us.

Let us pray for all who do not know God, that the light of the Holy Spirit may awaken them to faith. **(silent prayer)**

God of power and love, may all your children everywhere know your goodness. Help us, your church, to become more perfect witnesses of your grace so that all may see you in us.

Let us pray for all in positions of power in government and business that God may guide their hearts and minds so all may live in peace and justice. **(silent prayer)**

God of power and love, defender of the poor and oppressed, guide the rulers of this world, so that people everywhere may enjoy justice, peace, and freedom and the goodness of creation.

Let us pray for all who are sick or dying, all who are homeless or in prison, and for all who suffer from hunger or violence. **(silent prayer)**

God of power and love, strength of the weary, hope of the despairing, hear the cries of your suffering children and give us the courage to be agents of your love for them. We pray in the name of Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

Hymn: "Here Is Love" (*Stanzas 1 & 2*)