

First Presbyterian Church

Wooster, Ohio



GOOD FRIDAY

March 29, 2024

A Tenebrae Service of Darkness

PRELUDE

Go to Dark Gethsemane
Eric J. Gastier, organist

arr. David Cherwien

CALL TO WORSHIP

Reverend David Rice

In your hands he placed himself:

all that he was, all that he had ever been,
all his beauty, all his obedience, all his loving.

In God's hands he placed himself.

He was returning to his father, he was going home.

For all who have died,

for all who love them and miss them:

God in your mercy, hear our prayer.

HAVE MERCY ON US

O God, from whose eyes the measure of our faith is not hidden,
wrench from us now all religiosity,
all rules and regulations of our scheduled selves
that separate us from your Holy Spirit.

**O God, who calls each of us by name to be the church,
give us love enough to make a difference,
give us vision enough to follow,
give us endurance enough to hold steadfast
in the face of the unholy.**

O God, who claims us as disciples,
bless us now and touch us with your holiness
that we might have commitment enough to be good news to the poor.

**O God of the bruised, we pray for healing.
Comfort those who cry in dark corners:
the lonely, the strangers, the weary, the fearful,
the disappointed, the anxious, the depressed,
the forsaken, the dispirited, the grieving,
and those who lie in sickness and in pain.**

O God who wept over Jerusalem,
open our eyes to those around us
who scream in silence the depth of their despair.

O God of compassion, heal our hard hearts to tenderness.

O God of the oppressed,
fire us with justice that we might proclaim liberty to the captives.

**O God who gave us the rainbow and parted the Red Sea,
we dare to pray for miracles for the powerless.**

O God of the hungry,
we pray for those who have not bread.

Remove, O God, the bondage of hunger
by removing our shackles so that we might share our bread.

**O God of the homeless,
we pray for those who have no land.
We pray that you will open the doors of our hearts
and let your wandering people in.**

O God of the captives,
have mercy on those who must live out their lives
enslaved to someone else
because of race or politics or economics or faith.
Loose our bonds that we might risk our own securities on their behalf.

**O God of peace,
give peace to our hearts and to our nation and to our world.
O Lamb of God, have mercy upon us!**

(‘Have Mercy on Us’ from Kneeling in Jerusalem by Ann Weems)

THE PASSION OF OUR LORD

Mark 14:1-2, 10-25		Karolyn Rice
Mark 14:26-42		Eric Gastier
Mark 14:43-65		Carol Gates
Mark 14:66—15:5		Ann Gastier
MUSICAL INTERLUDE	<i>Ah, Holy Jesus</i> Karolyn Rice, flute	<i>Johann Crüger, 1640</i>
<i>Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended, that we to judge thee have in hate pretended? By foes derided, by thine own rejected, O most afflicted! Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon thee? Alas, my treason, Jesus, hath undone thee. 'Twas I, Lord Jesus, I it was denied thee; I crucified thee. Therefore, kind Jesus, since I cannot pay thee, I do adore thee, and will ever pray thee, think on thy pity and thy love unswerving, not my deserving.</i>		
Mark 15:6-24		Ann Gastier
Mark 15:25-39		Eric Gastier
Mark 15:40-47		Carol Gates
<i>Were You There? (Spiritual)</i>		David Rice

First Presbyterian Church is a Christian community dedicated to showing God's love through worship, study, social justice, outreach, and fellowship.

EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday April 9 9:00 a.m. — Sunday School for all ages
 10:15 a.m. — Easter Service and Communion in the Sanctuary

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NURSES WITHOUT BORDERS

Emma LoGiudice and her nursing student colleagues at Ohio Northern University are having another collection of personal products to take to the Dominican Republic when they go to give medical help there. The collection will conclude on April 14. Please see below for items needed. Please look for more information in the April Tower Tidings. Thank you!

Items Needed:

Items needed for hygiene kits: Cloth drawstring bags, Bars of soap, Washcloths, Dishcloths, Scrubbies, Deodorant, Q-Tips, Hand sanitizer, Baby wipes, Diapers, Lotion, Toothbrushes, Toothpaste, Mouthwash, Floss, Combs/Shampoo, Conditioner.

OTC Medications: Acetaminophen - reg/xtra strength, Ibuprofen, Naproxen, Children's + Infant's Acetaminophen suspension, Children's + Infant Ibuprofen suspension, Children's chewable Acetaminophen, Children's chewable Ibuprofen, Acetaminophen infant rectal suppositories, Prenatal vitamins, Adult vitamins, Children's vitamins, Children's Liquid Multivitamin, Vitamin B, Folic Acid, C, D Iron Supplement, Guaifenesin (Mucinex adult cold medicine), Kid's cold medicine, Diphenhydramine (Benadryl) tablets, Diphenhydramine (Benadryl) liquid, Allergy Medications, Famotidine 20mg, Exomeprazole tablets 20mg, Tums/Antacids, Anti-diarrheal meds.

First Aid Items: Band Aids, Gauze pads/sponges (Sterile 2 pack), Chapstick.

Diabetes Support: Glucometers with test strips and batteries, Lancets.

Storage and Containers: Brown paper bags, Plastic trash bags for barrio clinics, Plastic ziploc bags — small for pills, Plastic ziploc bags — snack size, Plastic ziploc bags — sandwich size, Plastic ziploc bags — gallon size, Pill bottles, empty and clean.

Miscellaneous: Pill Counter trays, Pill Cutters, Small plastic cups with lids, Pregnancy Test Kits, Reading glasses, Pens, Dumdum Suckers, Small Toys, Bracelets, Large suitcase with wheels.