

GOOD FRIDAY + APRIL 3, 2026

GREETING (BASED ON ISAIAH 52:13, 53:4)

See, my servant shall prosper; he shall be exalted and lifted up, and shall be very high.... Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted.

WELCOME AND LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN #272

GO TO DARK GETHSEMANE

✦CALL TO WORSHIP (FROM PSALM 22)

Leader: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from helping me, from the words of my groaning? O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer; and by night, but find no rest.

People: Yet you are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel. In you our ancestors trusted; they trusted, and you delivered them. To you they cried, and were saved; in you they trusted, and were not put to shame.

Leader: But I am a worm, and not human; scorned by others, and despised by the people. All who see me mock at me; they make mouths at me, they shake their heads; "Commit your cause to the Lord; let him deliver— let him rescue the one in whom he delights!"

People: Yet it was you who took me from the womb; you kept me safe on my mother's breast. On you I was cast from my birth, and since my mother bore me you have been my God.

Leader: Do not be far from me, for trouble is near and there is no one to help. Many bulls encircle me, strong bulls of Bashan surround me; they open wide their mouths at me, like a ravening and roaring lion. I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint; my heart is like wax; it is melted within my breast; my mouth is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to my jaws; you lay me in the dust of death. For dogs are all around me; a company of evildoers encircles me. My hands and feet have shriveled; I can count all my bones. They stare and gloat over me; they divide my clothes among themselves, and for my clothing they cast lots.

People: But you, O Lord, do not be far away! O my help, come quickly to my aid! Deliver my soul from the sword, my life from the power of the dog! Save me from the mouth of the lion! From the horns of the wild oxen you have rescued me. I will tell of your name to my brothers and sisters; in the midst of the congregation I will praise you:

Leader: You who fear the Lord, praise him! All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him; stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel! For he did not despise or abhor the affliction of the afflicted; he did not hide his face from me, but heard when I cried to him. From you comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will pay before those who fear him. The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the Lord. May your hearts live forever! All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord; and all the families of the nations shall worship before him. For dominion belongs to the Lord, and he rules over the nations.

People: To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, and I shall live for him. Posterity will serve him; future generations will be told about the Lord, and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying that he has done it.

✦HYMN #398

O THE DEEP, DEEP LOVE OF JESUS

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

JOHN 18:1-14

(The first candle is snuffed out.)

SILENT REFLECTION ON THE BETRAYAL AND ARREST OF JESUS

✦HYMNS #337 #281

WE WILL GLORIFY
LAMB OF GOD

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

JOHN 18:15-27

(The second candle)

SILENT REFLECTION ON SIMON PETER DENYING JESUS

HYMN #262

AH, HOLY JESUS

THIRD SCRIPTURE READING

JOHN 18:28-38a

(The third candle)

SILENT REFLECTION ON JESUS BEFORE PILATE – WHAT IS TRUTH?

HYMN

HERE IS LOVE

FOURTH SCRIPTURE READING

JOHN 18:38b-19:16a

(The fourth candle)

SILENT REFLECTION ON JESUS BEFORE PILATE – HERE IS YOUR KING

HYMN

STRICKEN, SMITTEN, AND AFFLICTED

FIFTH SCRIPTURE READING

JOHN 19:16b-30

(The fifth candle)

SILENT REFLECTION ON JESUS CRUCIFIED

✦HYMN #261

WHEN I SURVEY THE WONDROUS CROSS

SIXTH SCRIPTURE READING

JOHN 19:31-37

(The sixth candle)

SILENT REFLECTION ON THE PIERCING OF JESUS

HYMN #284

O SACRED HEAD NOW WOUNDED

SEVENTH SCRIPTURE READING

JOHN 19:38-42

(The seventh candle)

SILENT REFLECTION ON JESUS BEING LAID IN THE TOMB

STRIPPING OF THE SANCTUARY, REMOVAL OF THE CHRIST CANDLE, AND THE STREPITUS

✦ **HYMN #283**

WERE YOU THERE?

DEPART IN SILENCE

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✦ Those who are comfortable standing, are invited to stand.

About the Good Friday Service

Good Friday is a day that tears at our hearts. It is a time that we remember the death and crucifixion of our Lord. During the last days of Holy Week, the ancient service of Tenebrae, or "shadows", is often used to impress upon our hearts the great magnitude of what happened on the cross. The most significant feature of this service is the gradual extinguishing of the lights and candles in the sanctuary. The ensuing darkness symbolizes the suffering that our own sin has brought upon Christ.

Today's service will take us on a journey through the entire passion narrative as told by the gospel according to John. An atmosphere of quiet and somber reflection will permeate the readings, the prayers, and the music. As the candles are gradually extinguished, the large candle, which represents the Eternal Light of God through the presence of the Holy Spirit, will stay lit. However, at the end of the service this candle will be removed from sight to symbolize the death of Christ. Afterwards, the pulpit Bible will be closed with a loud noise (the Latin term: "Strepitus") to signify the closing of the tomb. Upon completion of the service, the congregation is asked to leave silently, maintaining the spirit of worship befitting this solemn evening.

Join Us to Celebrate the Resurrection on Easter Sunday, April 5

- 6:30 am, Sunrise Service at Camp Menucha, 38711 E, Historic Columbia River Hwy, Corbett
- 9:00 am, Continental Breakfast, SMPC Fellowship Hall
- 10:00 am, Smith Memorial Easter Worship Service
- 11:30 am Smith Memorial Egg Hunt on the lawn. (For children fifth grade and under.)

On Easter Sunday, we will be welcoming new members during our worship service. If you are interested in becoming a member of our church and joining next week, please talk with Pastor Brad after the service.



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