

GOOD FRIDAY
COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN SERVICE
April 19, 2019
12:00 pm
Saint Andrews United Presbyterian Church

Prelude

Welcome

Rev. Merry Meloy

Introit

Call to Worship (Responsively)

Rev. Mary Kitchen

Leader: Surely he has borne our griefs
and carried our sorrows;

**People: Yet we accounted him stricken,
struck down by God and afflicted.**

Leader: But he was wounded for our transgressions,
crushed for our iniquities;

**People: Upon him was the punishment that made us whole,
and by his bruises we are healed.**

(Isaiah 53: 4 – 5)

Opening Prayer

Rev. Mary Kitchen

***Opening Hymn #240**

“Near the Cross”
(Verses 1 - 3)

(Sing to the Lord)

**The people will rise in body or spirit.*

Prayer of Confession (Responsively)

Rev. Leigh Benish

Leader: Loving Lord, as we approach the cross,
our words fail and our steps falter,
for we have helped put you there.
So we ask for your forgiveness:
when we offer you only our superficial allegiance,
when we deny your rightful place at the center of our lives.

People: Lord, in your mercy, forgive us.

Leader: When we choose to serve the gods of self, wealth, and security,
rather than following your path of sacrificial love.

People: Lord, forgive us.

Leader: When we wash our hands of responsibility.
When we refuse to seek justice or speak truth.

People: Lord, forgive us.

Leader: When we mock and taunt,
when we ignore our neighbors' pain and despair.

People: Lord, forgive us.

Leader: When we fail to extend your grace,
show your mercy, or share your love.

People: Lord, in your mercy, forgive us.

Grant us the courage to face ourselves.

Grant us the strength to turn from our sin to you.

**Grant us the grace to embrace the new life you offer,
through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

A Time of Silent Confession

The Assurance of Pardon

Rev. Leigh Benish

Response #239

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”
(Verses 1, 2 & 4)

(Sing to the Lord)

Offering of Ourselves and the Prayer of Dedication

Carmen Shullo

Offertory

“Lead Me to Calvary”
“Four for Christ”

Alan Free, Allen Kitchen, Mary Kitchen, and Kathy Wilson

The Passion of Christ

Corporate Scripture Reading Luke 23: 1 - 25

(Please See Insert)

***Hymn #231**

“Beneath the Cross of Jesus”
(Verses 1 - 3)

(Sing to the Lord)

**Scripture Lesson
Reflection**

Luke 23: 26 – 31
Rev. Merry Meloy

Special Music

“Corente”
Recorder: Lars Morrison
Piano: Peggy McGuirk

Pieter Luidhens

**Scripture Lesson
Reflection**

Luke 23: 32 – 38
Rev. John Silbert

Special Music

“Good Friday Meditation”
Piano: Allen Kitchen

**Scripture Lesson
Reflection**

Luke 23: 39 – 43
Rev. Leigh Benish

Special Music

“Pie Jesu”
Vocals: Deanna Golden

Gabriel Faure

**Scripture Lesson
Reflection**

Luke 23: 44 – 49
Rev. Mary Kitchen

***Closing Hymn #233**

“The Old Rugged Cross”

(Sing to the Lord)

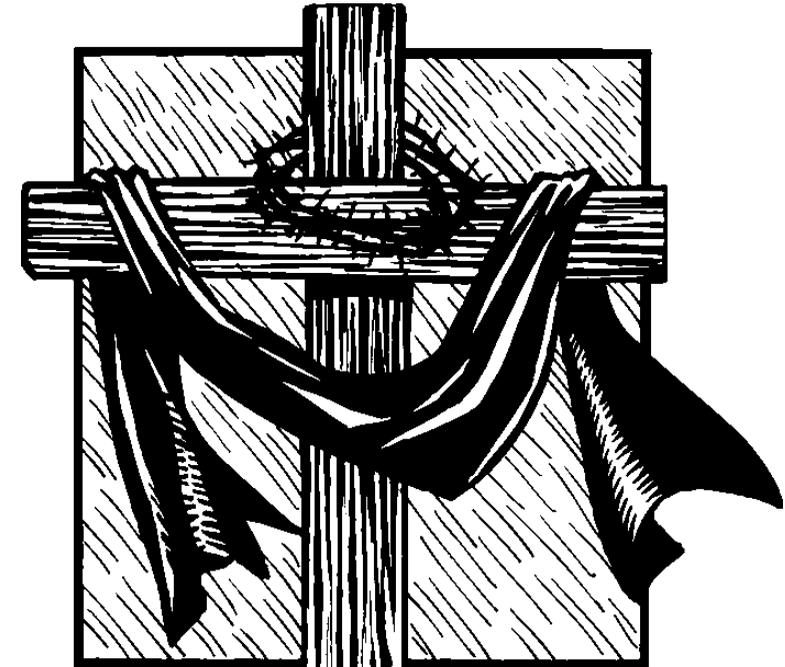
***Charge and Benediction**

Rev. Mary Kitchen

Organ Postlude

Today’s offering will be given to
the Victim Outreach intervention Center (VOICe).
VOICe offers free and confidential services to victims of
domestic violence, sexual assault, and other violent crimes.
VOICe remains the sole provider of comprehensive victims’ services in Butler County.

Participating This Afternoon:
Covenant Presbyterian Church
Faith Presbyterian Church
Hill United Presbyterian Church
North and East Butler Presbyterian Churches
Saint Andrews United Presbyterian Church
Trinity Presbyterian Church



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A Reading of Luke 23: 1 - 25

(New Revised Standard Version)

The Congregation will read in unison the part of the people, which is in **BOLD** type.

Narrator: Then the assembly rose as a body and brought Jesus before Pilate. They began to accuse him, saying,

Religious Authorities: “We found this man perverting our nation, forbidding us to pay taxes to the emperor, and saying that he himself is the Messiah, a king.”

Narrator: Then Pilate asked him,

Pilate: “Are you the king of the Jews?”

Narrator: Jesus answered,

Jesus: “You say so.”

Narrator: Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds,

Pilate: “I find no basis for an accusation against this man.”

Narrator: But they were insistent and said,

Religious Authorities: “He stirs up the people by teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee where he began even to this place.”

Narrator: When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. And when he learned that he was under Herod’s jurisdiction, he sent him off to Herod, who was himself in Jerusalem at that time. When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had been wanting to see him for a long time, because he had heard about him and was hoping to see him perform some sign. He questioned him at some length, but Jesus gave him no answer. The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing him. Even Herod with his soldiers treated him with contempt and mocked him; then he put an elegant robe on him, and sent him back to Pilate. That same day Herod and Pilate became friends with each other; before this they had been enemies.

Narrator: Pilate then called together the chief priests, the leaders, and the people, and said to them,

Pilate: “You brought me this man as one who was perverting the people; and here I have examined him in your presence and have not found this man guilty of any of your charges against him. Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us. Indeed, he has done nothing to deserve death. I will therefore have him flogged and release him.”

Narrator: Then they all shouted out together,

***People:* “Away with this fellow! Release Barabbas for us!”**

Narrator: Barabbas was a man who had been put in prison for an insurrection that had taken place in the city, and for murder. Pilate, wanting to release Jesus, addressed them again; but they kept shouting,

***People:* “Crucify, crucify him!”**

Narrator: A third time he said to them,

Pilate: “Why, what evil has he done? I have found in him no ground for the sentence of death; I will therefore have him flogged and then release him.”

Narrator: But they kept urgently demanding with loud shouts that he should be crucified; and their voices prevailed. So Pilate gave his verdict that their demand should be granted. He released the man they asked for, the one who had been put in prison for insurrection and murder, and he handed Jesus over as they wished.

