



WEKIVA
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Rooted in Faith, Grounded in Love, Moved to Serve

April 18, 2025



The Crucifixion

artist unknown

watercolor on linen, 2022

GOOD FRIDAY

April 18, 2025 ▪ 7:00 p.m.

Prelude — “Cornet Voluntary” by Henry Heron

Anton Faynberg, organ

The Gathering

Rev. Oscar Clavel

Leader: The peace of our Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

**Call to Worship*

Leader: Let us remember Jesus, who though He was rich, became poor and dwelt among us; who was mighty indeed, healing the sick and the troubled; who, as a teacher to His disciples, was their companion and servant.

People: May we ever be grateful for Jesus the Christ and what He has done for us.

Leader: Let us remember Jesus, who prayed for the forgiveness of those who rejected Him and for the perfecting of those who received Him; who loved all people and prayed for them, even if they denied and rejected Him; who hated sin because He knew the cost of pride and selfishness, of cruelty and hatred, both to people and to God.

People: May we ever be grateful for Jesus the Christ and what He has done for us.

Leader: Let us remember Jesus, who humbled Himself, obedient unto the cross. God has exalted Him who has redeemed us from the bondage of sin and given us new life.

ALL: May we ever be grateful for Jesus the Christ and what He has done for us.

**Opening Hymn* — 221 “O Sacred Head Now Wounded”

PASSION CHORALE

Prayer of Confession

Rev. Oscar Clavel

Great God, our Father: As we remember Christ’s suffering and death, our hearts are filled with shame over the depth and breadth of our sin. We know of Your love for us, yet confess that we continue to betray and deny You, in what we say and think and do. Forgive us, Lord, not because we are good, but because You are good. And in Your forgiveness enable us to live for You and the coming of Your Kingdom. These and all things we pray together and in the silence of our hearts in Jesus’ name.

Silent Confession

*All are invited to stand.

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Assurance of Pardon — adapted from 1 Corinthians 2:1-2,5

Leader: The Apostle Paul writes “*When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified...so that your faith might rest, not on human wisdom, but on the power of God.*” Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel.

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Hymn Response — 227 “Jesus, Remember Me” [sing three times]

REMEMBER ME

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer

Scripture Reading — Mark 15:33-41

Sermon — “It Is Finished”

Rev. Oscar Clavel

“And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, “*Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?*”
which means, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”

Hymn 219 — “They Crucified My Lord”

CRUCIFIXION

Service of Tenebrae

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The Shadow of Betrayal	Matthew 26:20-25	Elder Susan Melitshka
The Shadow of Inner Agony	Luke 22:39-44	Elder Don Beavers
The Shadow of Loneliness	Matthew 26:40 -45	Elder Jason Sandberg
The Shadow of Desertion	Matthew 26:47-56	Deacon Heidi Beavers
The Shadow of Accusation	Matthew 26:59-67	Elder Jack Perry
The Shadow of Mockery	Mark 15:12-20	Elder Kimm Brunk
The Shadow of Death	Luke 23:32-46	Elder Scott Wesley

The Extinguishing of the Christ Candle



*Please exit in silence, remembering the death of our Lord;
meditating on His undying love for us.*



TENEBRAE

An Explanation of the Good Friday Service:

This is a service of “tenebrae,” which means “darkness.” The service includes Scripture, music, prayers and a meditation, followed by seven selected readings from the Gospels marking Jesus betrayal, arrest and crucifixion. At the conclusion of each reading a candle will be extinguished and the lights dimmed until the sanctuary is immerse in darkness. Worshipers are asked to leave the sanctuary in silence, remembering the sacrifice of our Lord.