

**Good Friday**  
**Friday, March 29, 2024**  
**C.C. Jones Building, 309 Holleman St., Apex**

Sunday Worship Service: 10:00 a.m.  
Christian Education Hour: 9:00 a.m.

**Connection Card and Prayer Request**

To our guests, if you would like to share your contact information you may use this QR code or pick-up a Connection Card / Prayer Card and place it in the offering plate. We are eager to walk with you as we encounter God who comes to us in baptism, at the Lord's Supper and through the Word.



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*Good Friday is not observed as a funeral for Christ. It is a day for repentance over sin and restrained joy and praise for the redemption Christ accomplished for us on the cross. In keeping with this character, the tone of the service is more somber. Elaborate words of praise are omitted. The altar is also stripped during the service to remind us of the darkness that came upon the world when Jesus died.*

*During the service seven candles are extinguished. The number of candles varies in different services, however, the light slowly dimming is a reminder of Christ's sacrifice for us. The number seven is often used as a reminder of the seven days of creation.*

*In Jesus' sacrifice and rising on Easter we are reminded of what is referred to as the eighth day of creation; the day of resurrection. This same connection to the eighth day is at times reflected in baptismal fonts which have eight sides. In baptism sinful people are connected to Christ's death and resurrection (Romans 6). As we await the joy of Easter we anticipate the deliverance that our Lord won once for all people and all time through His glorious rising.*

### **Opening Versicles**

**P** O Lord, open my lips,  
**C** and my mouth will declare Your praise.

*Psalms 51:5*

**P** Make haste, O God, to deliver me;  
**C** make haste to help me, O Lord.  
**Praise to You, O Christ, Lamb of our salvation.**

*Psalms 70:1*

*A candle is extinguished.*

## Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted



1 Strick-en, smit-ten, and af-flict-ed, See Him dy-ing on the  
 2 Tell me, ye who hear Him groan-ing, Was there ev-er grief like  
 3 Ye who think of sin but light-ly Nor sup-pose the e-vil  
 4 Here we have a firm foun-da-tion, Here the ref-u-ge of the

tree! 'Tis the Christ, by man re-ject-ed; Yes, my  
 His? Friends through fear, His cause dis-own-ing, Foes in-  
 great Here may view its na-ture right-ly, Here its  
 lost: Christ, the Rock of our sal-va-tion, Is the

soul, 'tis He, 'tis He! 'Tis the long-ex-pect-ed  
 sult-ing His dis-tress; Man-y hands were raised to  
 guilt may es-ti-mate. Mark the sac-ri-fice ap-  
 name of which we boast; Lamb of God, for sin-ners

Proph-et, Da-vid's Son, yet Da-vid's Lord; Proofs I  
 wound Him, None would in-ter-vene to save; But the  
 point-ed, See who bears the aw-ful load; 'Tis the  
 wound-ed, Sac-ri-fice to can-cel guilt! None shall

see suf-fi-cient of it: 'Tis the true and faith-ful Word.  
 deep-est stroke that pierced Him Was the stroke that jus-tice gave.  
 Word, the Lord's a-noint-ed, Son of Man and Son of God.  
 ev-er be con-found-ed Who on Him their hope have built.

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## Psalm 2

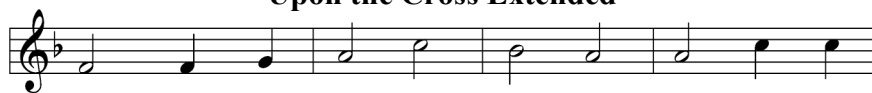
Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain? <sup>2</sup> The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD and against his Anointed, saying, <sup>3</sup> "Let us burst their bonds apart and cast away their cords from us." <sup>4</sup> He who sits in the heavens laughs; the Lord holds them in derision. <sup>5</sup> Then he will speak to them in his wrath, and terrify them in his fury, saying, <sup>6</sup> "As for me, I have set my King on Zion, my holy hill." <sup>7</sup> I will tell of the decree: The LORD said to me, "You are

*Continue...*

my Son; today I have begotten you. <sup>8</sup> Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage, and the ends of the earth your possession. <sup>9</sup> You shall break them with a rod of iron and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel." <sup>10</sup> Now therefore, O kings, be wise; be warned, O rulers of the earth. <sup>11</sup> Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling. <sup>12</sup> Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and you perish in the way, for his wrath is quickly kindled. Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

*A candle is extinguished.*

### Upon the Cross Extended



1 Up - on the cross ex - tend - ed See, world, your  
 2 Come, see these things and pon - der, Your soul will  
 3 Who is it, Lord, that bruised You? Who has so  
 4 I caused Your grief and sigh - ing By e - vils



Lord sus - pend - ed. Your Sav - ior yields His breath.  
 fill with won - der As blood streams from each pore.  
 sore a - bused You And caused You all Your woe?  
 mul - ti - ply - ing As count - less as the sands.



The Prince of Life from heav - en Him - self has free - ly  
 Through grief be - yond all know - ing From His great heart came  
 We all must make con - fes - sion Of sin and dire trans -  
 I caused the woes un - num - bered With which Your soul is



giv - en To shame and blows and bit - ter death.  
 flow - ing Sighs well - ing from its deep - est core.  
 gres - sion While You no ways of e - vil know.  
 cum - bered, Your sor - rows raised by wick - ed hands.

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## Isaiah 52:13-53:12

Behold, my servant shall act wisely; he shall be high and lifted up, and shall be exalted. As many were astonished at you - his appearance was so marred, beyond human semblance, and his form beyond that of the children of mankind - so shall he sprinkle many nations; kings shall shut their mouths because of him; for that which has not been told them they see, and that which they have not heard they understand. Who has believed what he has heard from us? 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, and no beauty that we should desire him. He was despised and rejected by men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not. Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned - every one - to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth. By oppression and judgment he was taken away; and as for his generation, who considered that he was cut off out of the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people? And they made his grave with the wicked and with a rich man in his death, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth. Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him; he has put him to grief; when his soul makes an offering for guilt, he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days; the will of the LORD shall prosper in his hand. Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied; by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. Therefore, I will divide him a portion with the many, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong, because he poured out his soul to death and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and makes intercession for the transgressors.

*A candle is extinguished.*

## **Good Friday Responsive Reading**

*This three-part response reminds us of the Trinity: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.*

**P** Behold, the life-giving cross on which was hung the salvation of the world.

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## **Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9**

Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered. And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him...

*A candle is extinguished.*

## Gospel Verse (Lent) Joel 2:13

**C** Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for He is gra-cious and  
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a-bound - ing in  
stead-fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

## The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ

*This evening we hear the Passion of our Lord taken from the Gospel of John beginning in the 18<sup>th</sup> chapter. Listen as a group of readers propels us into the events of Jesus willingly standing in our place and being forsaken for us.*

## Gospel Reading: John 18:1-19:42

*A candle is extinguished.*

## Responsory

- P** We have an advocate with the Father; Jesus is the propitiation for our sins.
- C** He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.
- P** Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven and whose sin is put away.
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**Sermon— *Jesus Said: Behold Your Mother*** (John 19:17-30)  
*Pastor Mike Merker*

*A candle is extinguished.*

**O Sacred Head, Now Wounded**



1 O sa - cred Head, now wound - ed, With grief and shame weighed down,  
2 What Thou, my Lord, hast suf - fered Was all for sin - ners' gain;  
3 What lan - guage shall I bor - row To thank Thee, dear - est Friend,  
4 Be Thou my con - so - la - tion, My shield, when I must die;



Now scorn - ful - ly sur - round - ed With thorns, Thine on - ly crown.  
Mine, mine was the trans - gres - sion, But Thine the dead - ly pain.  
For this Thy dy - ing sor - row, Thy pit - y with - out end?  
Re - mind me of Thy pas - sion When my last hour draws nigh.



O sa - cred Head, what glo - ry, What bliss, till now was Thine!  
Lo, here I fall, my Sav - ior! 'Tis I de - serve Thy place;  
O make me Thine for - ev - er! And should I faint - ing be,  
Mine eyes shall then be - hold Thee, Up - on Thy cross shall dwell,



Yet, though de - spised and gor - y, I joy to call Thee mine.  
Look on me with Thy fa - vor, And grant to me Thy grace.  
Lord, let me nev - er, nev - er, Out - live my love for Thee.  
My heart by faith en - fold Thee. Who di - eth thus dies well.

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**Offering**

*(We actively respond to our Lord's generosity first instilled in us through His grace with our first fruit gifts to God.)* Jordan sets aside a tithe 10% of our general offering and a gift 2% (12% total) to support national and global ministry.

**Special Music: *Come O Sinner*** (Sovereign Grace Music)  
*Melissa Merker, vocalist*



## Offertory: Create in Me

Keith Green (Psalm 51)

Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
And renew a right spirit within me. [Repeat]

Cast me not away from Thy presence, O, LORD,  
And take not Your Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation,  
And renew a right spirit within me.

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## Prayers of the Church

The prayers of the church include many petitions and praises offered during the previous week. Following each petition, the pastor will say, “*Lord in Your mercy*” and the congregation responds, “*Hear our prayer*” as a recognition that these prayers are brought forward to the mercy seat of our God as one community of faith. May our prayers ever ascend as a pleasing aroma before our God (Psalm 141:2).



## The Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13

**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.**

*The final candle is extinguished.*

## Were You There



1 Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Were you  
 2 Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree? Were you  
 3 Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb? Were you  
 4 Were you there when God raised Him from the tomb? Were you



there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Oh ...  
 there when they nailed Him to the tree? Oh ...  
 there when they laid Him in the tomb? Oh ...  
 there when God raised Him from the tomb? Oh ...



Some-times it caus - es me to trem-ble, trem-ble, trem-ble.  
 Some-times it caus - es me to trem-ble, trem-ble, trem-ble.  
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*At the close of the service, a loud noise will resound. This action has a variety of interpretations including the scourging of the soldiers, the earthquake at the moment of Christ's death, or the closing of the tomb. In observation of the somber tone of Good Friday, we observe a period of silence at the conclusion of the service.*

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## Educational Opportunities

### **Sunday School—9:00 a.m. Sunday mornings**

*Sunday School will not be held on Easter (March 31 ) as families and individuals are invited to share in an Easter breakfast. Jordan will provide cups, plates, utensils and drinks; please bring a dish to share.*

#### **Classes for all Ages Each Week**

- *Lambs* - Early Elementary
- *Sheep* - Late Elementary
- *Rams* - Youth
- *Shepherds* - Adults and Confirmed Youth



## Live Here Serve Here

### **March/April Focus: Pardoned By Christ Ministry**

We are partnering with *Pardoned By Christ Ministry*, an outreach ministry that houses men who are entering back into the workforce after incarceration, to collect toiletries needed:

Body-wash (Dial), Deodorant (Degree), Toothpaste(Colgate)  
Denture cream (Fixodent) and Mouthwash (Listerine)

Drop items in the Live Here, Serve Here bin in the foyer on Sunday or at the church office during the week.

*Second work day scheduled for Sat. April 27 details to follow for location*

### ***Outdoor Spring Cleaning at CC Jones Building April 14***

*New Plantings*—Volunteers are replacing several azaleas at the front of the Jones Building on April 14

This Lenten season, gather with us as we walk in God's Word to the foot of the cross.

**Easter Sunday Services and Breakfast:**

**Easter Sunrise** — 6:30 a.m. (Jones Memorial Park)

**Worship with Communion** — 7:30 a.m.

**Easter Breakfast** — 9 a.m. (Bring dish to share)

**Worship with Communion** — 10:00 a.m.

