

NEW TESTAMENT READING *The Thieves* Luke 23:39-43
HYMN No. 97 (vs. 3) “Go to Dark Gethsemane” Redhead
NEW TESTAMENT READING *The Death* Matthew 27:45-54

SILENT MEDITATION

The congregation will remain seated for individual meditation. After lights are illuminated, you may leave in silence whenever you wish. Please do not talk until after you have left the sanctuary.

*Please stand if you are able.

The ushers will receive your offerings at the doors as you leave the sanctuary this evening.

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WELCOME TO ELFINWILD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*We offer a warm welcome to every worshipper,
and a way to serve for all who are willing.*

ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR GOOD FRIDAY
March 25, 2016
7:30 PM Worship

Please prepare your hearts for worship using the Scripture for reflection.

Jesus said, “Stay here and keep watch with me...Are you asleep?
Couldn’t you keep watch with me for one hour?
Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation.
The spirit is willing but the flesh is weak.” Mark 14

Good Friday - Service of Tenebrae

March 25, 2016

Seven Thirty O'Clock

TIME FOR PREPARATION AND MEDITATION

To prepare for worship, you may want to reflect on Scripture or pray.

“Holy and loving God, as we prepare to set aside our busy-ness and to focus intently on Jesus’ suffering and death, we ask for eyes to see all of the amazing things that Jesus’ death means for understanding you, your love, and our salvation.

In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen

WE ASSEMBLE IN GOD’S NAME

PRELUDE “Holy Week Devotion” J.S. Bach

CALL TO WORSHIP 1 Peter 2:24, 25

Leader: He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree,

People: so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness;

Leader: By his wounds you have been healed. For we were like sheep going astray,

People: But now we have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of our souls.

*HYMN No. 84 “In the Cross of Christ I Glory” Rathbun

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Great God, our Father: As we remember Christ’s suffering in Gethsemane, our hearts are filled with shame that we foolishly waste our time in idleness and that we make little to no progress in the Christian life from day to day.

We lament that war and lust flourish and grow more rampant every day.

Forgive us for our cruel indifference to the cross.

Teach us the good news of your forgiveness.

Allow humanity, degenerate as it is, to live anew, and hasten the day when the whole world shall be born again. Amen

ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

Jesus himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed.

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News!

People: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

WE PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD

<i>HYMN No. 97 (vs. 1,2)</i>	“Go To Dark Gethsemane”	Redhead
OLD TESTAMENT READING	The Prophecy	Isaiah 53
* <i>HYMN No. 85 (vs. 1,2)</i>	“What Wondrous Love is This”	
NEW TESTAMENT READING	The Arrest	John 18:2-12
<i>HYMN No. 93 (vs. 1,2)</i>	“Ah, Holy Jesus”	Herzliebster Jesu
NEW TESTAMENT READING	The Denial	Luke 22:54-62
<i>HYMN No. 101 (vs. 1,2)</i>	“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”	Hamburg
NEW TESTAMENT READING	The Choice	Mark 15:6-14
<i>HYMN No. 101 (vs. 3,4)</i>	“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”	Hamburg
NEW TESTAMENT READING	Delivered to be Crucified	Matthew 27:24-26
<i>HYMN No. 93 (vs. 3,4)</i>	“Ah, Holy Jesus”	Herzliebster Jesu
NEW TESTAMENT READING	Mocked	Matthew 27:27-31
ANTHEM	“The Heart of Jesus”	Mark Hayes
NEW TESTAMENT READING	The Road to Golgotha	Luke 23:26-32
<i>HYMN No. 102 (vs. 1,2)</i>	“Were You There?”	
NEW TESTAMENT READING	The Crucifixion	Matthew 27:33-37
<i>HYMN No. 102 (vs. 3,4)</i>	“Were You There?”	
NEW TESTAMENT READING	The Derision	Matthew 27:38-43
<i>HYMN No. 98 (vs.1)</i>	“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”	Passion Chorale