

## Elliott Creek Presbyterian Church

7:00 pm April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019  
Preaching: Travis Remme

Good Friday  
Ministers: All members

### **Prelude (A Time of Quiet Meditation)**

#### **Call to Worship**

L: For whom are you looking?

C: We are seeking Jesus of Nazareth, the Son of God, who was handed over to death.

L: For whom are you looking?

C: We are seeking the servant of the Lord, the righteous one, who makes many righteous.

L: Here is the man Here is your king.

C: He will be exalted or lifted high.

#### **\*Call to Confession**

##### **\* Prayer of Confession**

O Jesus, We have rejected you and the One who sent you abandoning you along the way you tread, denying the truth you teach, despising the life you offer. So now we climb to the place of the skull and confess:

We have prepared a cross for our savior.

We have turned a blind eye toward suffering-dismissing another's hurt and pain, crossing the street to avoid seeing need, ignoring the plight of the displaced and desperate. So now we fix our eyes upon your wretched and wounded body and confess:

We have prepared a cross for our savior.

We have kept silent when love demanded a response-withholding kind words from one who craves compassion, excusing comments that diminish and disparage, shrinking in fear rather than speaking the truth in love. So now we cry out in response to Christ's heartbreaking lament and confess:

We have prepared a cross for our savior.

We have done too little to confront the evils of this world-denying the prejudice we carry and its power to harm, feigning powerlessness in the face of injustice, refusing to

challenge systems that some value lives more than others. So now we stand ashamed before one unjustly condemned and confess:

We have prepared a cross for our savior.

We have condoned violence in our nation and our world-watching weapon stockpiles grow as the vulnerable suffer, hearing news of violence with the silence of disinterested souls, standing by as your precious children fall wounded and torn. So now we behold your pierced and bleeding body and confess:

We have prepared a cross for our savior.

We have abandoned you and turned against one another-denying your claim on our lives, even in everyday choices, sowing division within the body of Christ rather than claiming others as kin, betraying you by rejecting your shalom. So now we join your followers at the foot of your cross and confess:

We have prepared a cross for our savior.

O Jesus, our suffering Lord, We have rejected you and the One who sent you-setting a crown of thorns upon your head, mocking your humility with derision, condemning you to the death of a criminal. Forgive us. Redeem us. Renew us, we pray. We are distraught as we confess:

We have prepared a cross for our savior.

#### Assurance Of Pardon

Scripture  
Message

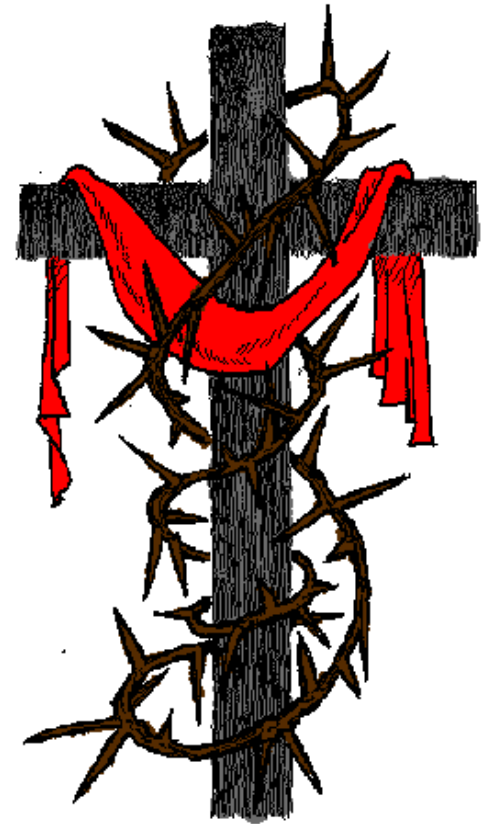
Hebrews 10:16-25  
"Trust in him, for he is faithful"

#### Affirmation of faith: (in unison)

God's reconciling act in Jesus Christ is a mystery which the scriptures describe in various ways. It is called the sacrifice of a lamb, a shepherd's life given for his sheep, atonement by a priest; again it is ransom of a slave, payment of debt, vicarious satisfaction of a legal penalty, and victory over the powers of evil. These are expressions of a truth which remains beyond the reach of all theory in the depths of God's love for humankind. They reveal the gravity, cost, and sure achievement of God's reconciling work.

**Please depart in silence**

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