
Many thanks to today's readers.
Gather with us on Easter Sunday as we celebrate really good news...

Really good news...

WE WORSHIP GOD, WHO WALKS WITH US, WHO FORGIVES US,
THIS AND EVERY DAY. JOIN US EASTER MORNING
IN CELEBRATION OF THIS GOOD NEWS.

SUNDAY, APRIL 21, 8:30 A.M. *Easter Sunday Breakfast*

9:30 A.M. *Easter Egg Hunt*

10:00 A.M. *Easter Worship Celebration*

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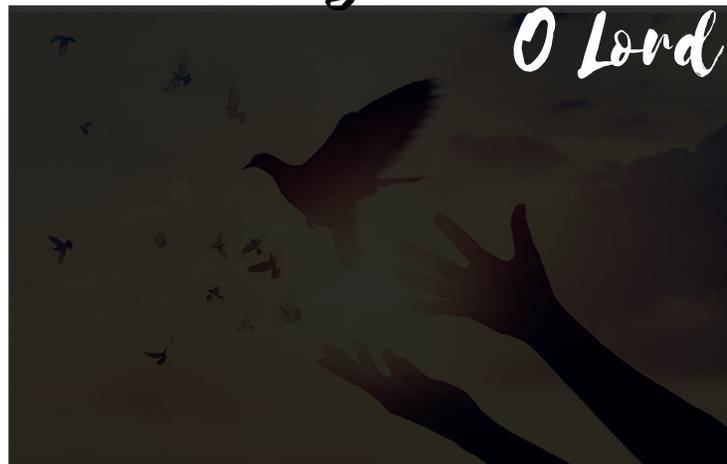
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Please note the church office will be closed Monday, April 22.

Have mercy on us,

O Lord



Good Friday, April 19, 2019, 12:00 p.m.
First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

Gathering Music

“Ave Verum Corpus”
 (“Hail True Body”)

W.A. Mozart (1756-1791)

Greeting

*Hymn “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” (HAMBURG) No.195

*Invocation

Proclaiming and Hearing God's Word

Psalm 22:1-4

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from helping me, from the words of my groaning? O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer; and by night, but find no rest. Yet you are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel. In you our ancestors trusted; they trusted and you delivered them.

Silent Prayer

For those times when we do not put our trust in you,

All: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

Today we see the world in all its brokenness.

All: Grant us peace and make us whole again.

Poem

“Still: For Good Friday” ...Jan Richardson

John 18:7-8, 10-12

Jesus asked them, "Who are you looking for?" And they said, "Jesus of Nazareth." Jesus answered, "I told you that I am he. So if you are looking for me, let these men go." Then Simon Peter, who had a sword, drew it, struck the high priest's slave, and cut off his right ear. Jesus said to Peter, "Put your sword back into its sheath. Am I not to drink the cup that the Father has given me?" So the soldiers, their officer and the Jewish police arrested Jesus and bound him.

Silent Prayer

For those times when we turn our backs and close our ears to your call,

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John 19:1-3, 6a

Then Pilate took Jesus and had him flogged. And the soldiers wove a crown of thorns and put it on his head, and they dressed him in a purple robe. They kept coming up to him saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" and striking him on the face. When the chief priests and the police saw Jesus, they shouted, "Crucify him! Crucify him!"

Silent Prayer

For those times when we are complicit in the suffering of others,

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Solo

"Wordless Is the Prayer"

Woody Faulkner

Music by Sally Ann Morris

Words by Carl P. Daw, Jr.

John 19:16-19

Then [Pilate] handed him over to them to be crucified. So they took Jesus; and carrying the cross by himself, he went out to what is called The Place of the Skull, which in Hebrew is called Golgotha. There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, with Jesus between them.

Silent Prayer

For our inability to recognize your presence in our midst,

All: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

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John 19:25-27

Standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother, his mother's sister, Mary, the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, "Woman, behold your son." Then he said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother."

Silent Prayer

For our unwillingness to recognize those around us as our brothers and sisters, mothers and fathers, sons and daughters,

All: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

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All: Grant us peace and make us whole again.

John 19:28-30

Aware that everything was now finished, in order that scripture might be fulfilled, Jesus said, "I thirst." There was a vessel filled with common wine. So they put a sponge, soaked in wine, on a sprig of hyssop, and put it up to Jesus' mouth. When Jesus had taken the wine, he said, "It is finished." Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

Silent Prayer

Remind us, O God, that it is in you that we live and die.

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Prayer of Remembrance and The Lord's Prayer

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, Amen.

***Hymn** "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" (PASSION CHORALE) No. 202

***Benediction**

We will end the service with a period of silent reflection.

You are welcome to stay in the sanctuary as long as you need.

**Please stand as you are able.*