



# GOOD FRIDAY

**A Collaborative Worship Experience  
of the  
First Presbyterian Church of Plainwell  
and the  
First Presbyterian Church of Richland**

*April 3, 2026  
Noon*

*A Prayer to Prepare for Worship:* God, on this most challenging day, be with me. Open my eyes to see moments of pain and suffering around me into which I may carry your loving presence. Amen.

## **WELCOME**

## **CALL TO WORSHIP**

The color has drained from the sky, and all is still.

**Let all creation stand and watch as Jesus willingly goes to the cross.**  
May we be broken open in grief that the room may be made for new life.  
**Let us breathe together, children of God, as Jesus breathes no more.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

## Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne

Emily E. S. Elliott, 1864; alt.

MARGARET: Irregular  
Timothy R. Matthews, 1876

1. Thou didst leave Thy throne and Thy king - ly crown When Thou  
2. Heav - en's arch - es rang when the an - gels sang, Pro -  
3. The fox - es found rest, and the birds their nest In the  
4. Thou cam - est, O Lord, with the liv - ing Word That should  
5. When the heavens shall ring, and the an - gels sing At Thy

cam - est to earth for me; But in Beth - le - hem's home there was  
claim - ing Thy roy - al de - gree; But in low - ly birth didst Thou  
shade of the for - est tree; But Thy couch was the sod, O Thou  
set Thy peo - ple free; But with mock - ing scorn and with  
com - ing to vic - to - ry, Let Thy voice call me home, say - ing,

found no room For Thy ho - ly na - tiv - i - ty. O  
come to earth, And in great hu - mil - i - ty. O  
Son of God, In the des - erts of Gal - i - lee. O  
crown of thorn They bore Thee to Cal - va - ry. O  
"Yet there is room, There is room at My side for thee." And my

come to my heart, Lord Je - sus: There is room in my heart for Thee!  
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come to my heart, Lord Je - sus: There is room in my heart for Thee!  
heart shall re-joyce, Lord Je - sus: There is room in my heart for Thee! A-MEN.

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JESUS CHRIST: HIS LIFE AND MINISTRY

## **CALL TO CONFESSION**

The promise of our faith is that if we call on the name of the Lord, our God will remember our sin no more. *Heb. 10:17*

Therefore, let us confess our wrongdoing.

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Merciful God, we meet each other today at the foot of the cross, as inhabitants of one world. We wait with each other as those who inflict wounds on one another:

**be merciful to us.**

As those who deny justice to others:

**be merciful to us.**

As those who put our trust in power:

**be merciful to us.**

As those who are greedy:

**be merciful to us.**

As those who put others on trial:

**be merciful to us.**

As those who refuse to receive:

**be merciful to us.**

As those who are afraid of the world torment:

**be merciful to us. Amen.**

## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

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

## **The Peace**

Christ is the sure source of our peace.

May Christ's peace be always with you.

**And also with you.**

*Please share the peace of Christ with one another.*

## **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

## **THE FIRST LESSON**

**ISAIAH 52:13 - 53:12**

**\*HYMN #98**

***"O Sacred Head Now Wounded"***

**A SCRIPTED PSALTER READING**

*Psalm 22:1-11, 22-29*

*The east side of the sanctuary will read Voice 1*

*The west side of the sanctuary will read Voice 2*

Optional Accompaniment

Dm C Dm C Dm F C Am F C Am Em C Dm

*Voice 1:*

<sup>1</sup>My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Why are you so far from helping me, from the words of my groaning?

<sup>2</sup>O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer;

and by night but find no rest.

*Voice 2:*

<sup>3</sup>Yet you are holy,

enthroned on the praises of Israel.

<sup>4</sup>In you our ancestors trusted;

they trusted, and you delivered them.

<sup>5</sup>To you they cried and were saved;

in you they trusted and were not put to shame.

*All Sing:*

***What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul?***

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*Voice 1:*

<sup>6</sup>But I am a worm and not human,

scorned by others and despised by the people.

<sup>7</sup>All who see me mock me;

they sneer at me; they shake their heads;

<sup>8</sup>“Commit your cause to the Lord; let him deliver—

let him rescue the one in whom he delights!”

*All Sing:*

***When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,***

***When I was sinking down, sinking down...***

*Voice 2:*

- <sup>9</sup>Yet it was you who took me from the womb;  
you kept me safe on my mother's breast.  
<sup>10</sup>On you I was cast from my birth,  
and since my mother bore me you have been my God.  
<sup>11</sup>Do not be far from me,  
for trouble is near,  
and there is no one to help.

*All Sing:*

***To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing.  
To God and to the Lamb, I will sing.***

*Voice 1:*

- <sup>22</sup>I will tell of your name to my brothers and sisters;  
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you:  
<sup>23</sup>You who fear the Lord, praise him!  
All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him;  
stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!

*Voice 2:*

- <sup>24</sup>For he did not despise or abhor  
the affliction of the afflicted;  
he did not hide his face from me  
but heard when I cried to him.  
<sup>25</sup>From you comes my praise in the great congregation;  
my vows I will pay before those who fear him.  
<sup>26</sup>The poor shall eat and be satisfied;  
those who seek him shall praise the Lord.  
May your hearts live forever!

*Voices 1 and 2 together:*

- <sup>27</sup>All the ends of the earth shall remember  
and turn to the Lord,  
and all the families of the nations  
shall worship before him.  
<sup>28</sup>For dominion belongs to the Lord,  
and he rules over the nations.

29To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down;  
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust,  
and I shall live for him.

*All Sing:*

*And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on! And when  
from death I'm free, I'll sing on!*

## **THE TENEBRAE READINGS**

**THE SHADOW OF BETRAYAL AND DENIAL      MATTHEW 26:20-25, 31-35**

**THE SHADOW OF RESIGNATION      LUKE 22:39-44**

**HYMN #97 VERSES 1 & 2      *"Go to Dark Gethsemane"***

**THE SHADOW OF ABANDONMENT      MARK 14:32-42**

**HYMN #97 VERSES 3 & 4      *"Go to Dark Gethsemane"***

**THE ARREST      JOHN 18:2-12**

**HYMN #84 (vs. 1 & 2)      *"In the Cross of Christ I Glory"***

**THE TRIAL      MATTHEW 27:1-2, 11-26**

**THE DENIAL      MARK 14:66-72**

**THE SHADOW OF THE CROSS      MARK 15:16-20**

**HYMN #101      *"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"***

**DISCIPLESHIP CHALLENGE**

**SILENCE**

**\*HYMN #92      *"Beneath the Cross of Jesus"***

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION 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 debts, as we forgive  
our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from  
evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.  
Amen.**

**\*SENDING HYMN #81      “*Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days*”**

### **\*DISMISSAL**

Jesus said, “It is finished.”

*John 19:30*

*[All depart in silence.]*



## **TODAY’S PARTICIPANTS**

**CHRISTY CONNELL, PIANIST**

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### *Questions for Reflection*

The cross is the central symbol of our faith. Why do you think that is? Has its meaning changed for you over time? Jesus was willing to die for his cause, but not kill for it. How does that inform you on your Christian journey?

### *A Prayer for After Worship*

Holy One, into your hands I commit this day that I have lived.  
Salvage what needs saving in me.  
Strengthen what is good in me.  
And in all things bind me closer to you  
through Jesus Christ. Amen.



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