

Second Congregational Church
United Church of Christ - Greenwich, Connecticut

Good Friday Worship Service

March 30, 2018

Prelude

Call to Worship: Isaiah 53:4-6

Rev. Anita Keire

Surely he took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows,
yet we considered him stricken by God, smitten by him, and afflicted.
But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities;
the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed.
All we, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way;
and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

Hymn 383

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

Prayer of Remembrance

Rev. Shawn Garan and Rev. Maxwell Grant

Let us remember Jesus:
who, though rich, became poor and dwelt among us,
who was mighty indeed, healing the sick and the troubled,
who, as a teacher to his disciples, was their companion and servant.

**Let us remember Jesus
who prayed for the forgiveness of those who rejected him and for the perfecting of those who
received him, who loved all people, and prayed for them, even if they denied and rejected
him. Jesus hated sin because he knew the cost of pride and selfishness, of cruelty
and hatred, both to people and to God.**

Let us remember Jesus, who humbled himself, obedient unto the cross. God has exalted him who
has redeemed us from the bondage of sin and given us new freedom.
May we ever be grateful for all he has done and continues to do for us.

THE FIRST WORD

Rev. Anita Keire

"Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." Luke 23:34.

Reading: Psalm 51:1-14

Musical Reflection

THE SECOND WORD

Phil Daniel

"Today you will be with me in Paradise" Luke 23:43

Reading: John 14:1-6

Reflective Music

THE THIRD WORD

Ms. Kathy Singleton

"Dear woman, here is your son." "Here is your mother." John 19:26-27

Reading: Mark 3:31-35

Reflective Music

THE FOURTH WORD

Ms. Barbara Swartz

"My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" Matthew 27:46

Reading: Psalm 22:1-11

Reflective Music

THE FIFTH WORD

Ms. Allison Walsh

"I am thirsty." John 19:28

Reading: Isaiah 55:1-5

Reflective Music

THE SIXTH WORD

Rev. Shawn Garan

"It is finished." John 19:30

Reading: Luke 13:31-35

THE SEVENTH WORD

Rev. Maxwell Grant

"Father, into your hands I commit my spirit." Luke 23:46

Reading: Luke 2:29-35

Prayer

Hymn 370

Just as I Am, Without One Plea

Darkness

Tolling of the Bell

Benediction

After a moment of meditation, the congregation is asked to leave in silence. Your offering may be left in the plates provided at the doors.

Adapted from a service prepared by Norman D. Palsma and used in a combined worship service by three Reformed Churches in New Jersey: the First Reformed Church of Lincoln Park, the Peauannock Reformed Church of Wayne, and the First Reformed Church of Pompton Plains.