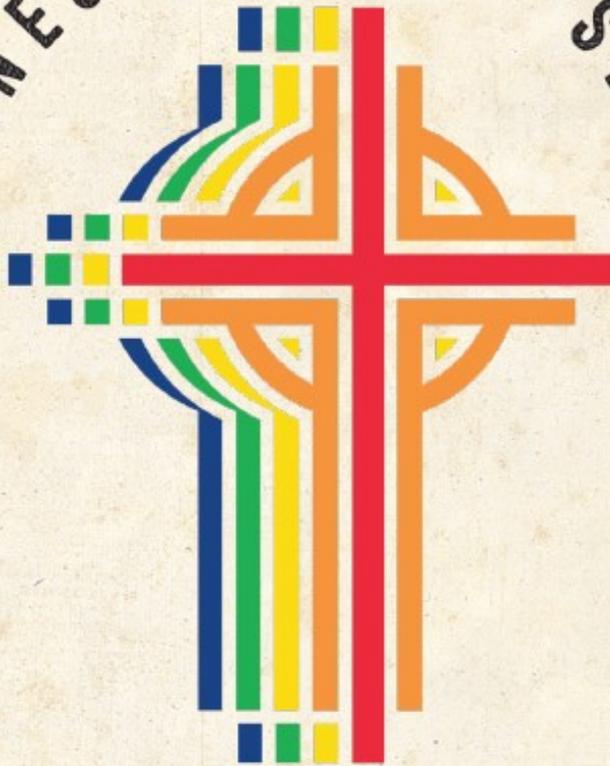


MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Welcome to Worship at Memorial Presbyterian Church!

We are delighted you have chosen to worship with Memorial Presbyterian Church. Our hope is that every person who enters Memorial will *CONNECT* with God and the community of faith, be *INSPIRED* to a life of discipleship and spiritual growth and discover ways to *SERVE* our neighbors near and far. Now, as much as ever, we need to find ways not to become isolated but to be in communication with communities and friends that are important to us.

Virtual Worship Instructions:

- Regular Sunday virtual worship videos are posted at 9:50am, with worship beginning at 10am. Special services throughout the year may be held at different times.

Virtual Worship Schedule for Holy Week: Maundy Thursday, 7pm; Good Friday, 12pm (noon).

- Worship videos will be posted to the [Memorial Presbyterian Church Facebook Page](#). You will want to “like” the Facebook page to make sure you get notifications about worship services.
- You will receive a Facebook notification a few days prior to the service, which will say that MPC plans to premiere a video. There will be a musical prelude before services.
- Unable to watch the service live or don’t have Facebook? No worries. We are uploading the worship videos to YouTube as well. Find us by searching Memorial Presbyterian Church Appleton YouTube or go to bit.ly/MPCAppletonYouTube You can click “subscribe” on our YouTube channel so you are notified when new videos are posted.

Participate – sing the hymn as loudly as you want, follow along in your bible with the scripture readings, let others know you are worshiping today by commenting or liking the service, use the chat to share prayer requests and encourage others. Fill out a Connection Card (<https://bit.ly/MPCCconnect>) to communicate with the church office and pastor.

Order of Worship Good Friday

Twelve O'clock P.M.

April 2, 2021

Gathering Around the Word

THOUGHT FOR REFLECTION

"Disorder: Eventually your ideally ordered universe must and will disappoint you, if you are honest... Your wife dies, your father loses his job... or you finally realize that many people are excluded from your own well-deserved 'life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.'... This disorder stage is necessary in some form if any real growth is to occur; but some of us find this stage so uncomfortable we try to flee back to our first created order--even if it is killing us."

Richard Rohr

"The source of all community, however, is your most intimate relationship with the Lord because the deeper you enter into communion with him, the more clearly you will find that all those whom you love are hidden in his heart. This truth does not solve all our pains and problems, but it certainly can set us free at times to travel on and to move forward even though our emotions can make us feel very lonely."

Henri Nouwen

"Hope is what you get when you suddenly realize that a different worldview is possible, a worldview in which the rich, the powerful, and the unscrupulous do not after all have the last word. The same worldview shift that is demanded by the resurrection of Jesus is the shift that will enable us to change the world."

N. T. Wright

"We are who God says we are. In the incarnation, life, death and resurrection of Christ we see that God is so for us and with us that we can no longer be defined according to death, a religion-based worthiness system or even the categories of late-stage capitalism."

Nadia Bolz-Weber

PRELUDE O Sacred Head

Telemann/Walther

As the prelude begins, please take a moment of silence to prepare for worship.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Christ Jesus bore our sins in his body on the cross so that we might die to sin and live for righteousness. **Blessed is the name of the Lord.**

GATHERING PRAYER

Redeeming Creator, Dust and rocks groan. Deserts and prairies weep. Bushes and trees moan. Rivers and oceans roar. Animals of land, sea, and sky recoil. Sun cowers and moon wanes. Humanity fails. And darkness laughs. But it will not have its way with us forever. Amen.

HYMN #215 What Wonderful Love Is This

1 What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,
what wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul!

2 When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,
when I was sinking down, sinking down,
when I was sinking down
beneath God's righteous frown,
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul, for my soul,
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul!

3 To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing,
to God and to the Lamb, I will sing;
to God and to the Lamb who is the great I am,
while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing;
while millions join the theme, I will sing!

4 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;
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be,
and through eternity, I'll sing on, I'll sing on;
and through eternity I'll sing on.

Proclaiming the Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Steadfast God, Your son followed the path that was set before him, knowing that it would lead to a death sentence. Hold a mirror up to our divided world so that we might truly see how our resistance to love separates us from one another. Receive our prayer for the sake of Jesus Christ. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 23:32-47

Readers: Greg Braatz, Roy Hoglund, Laurie McCulloch, Connie Olson

Narrator: Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said,

Jesus: Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.

Narrator: And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!"

Narrator: The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!"

Narrator: There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews." One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying,

Criminal 1: Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!

Narrator: But the other rebuked him, saying,

Criminal 2: Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.

Narrator: Then he said,

Criminal 2: Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

Narrator: He replied,

Jesus: Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.

Narrator: It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, while the sun's light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said,

Jesus: Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.

Narrator: Having said this, he breathed his last. When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said, "Certainly this man was innocent."

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN Love One Another

Love One Another

John 13:34-35

David Gambrell

The musical score is arranged for Flute (Fl.) and Piano. It consists of three systems of music. The first system (measures 1-6) features a Flute melody and piano accompaniment with lyrics: "Love one another as I have loved you, love one another as". The second system (measures 7-12) continues the melody and accompaniment with lyrics: "I have loved you, love one another as I have loved you: Je-sus loves us, love one another as Je-sus loves us:". The third system (measures 13-16) concludes the piece with lyrics: "this is my new com-ment. this is our new com-ment." and includes a *fine* marking.

Suggestions for use in worship: (1) Have a soloist (or a series of soloists) sing the words of Jesus ("as I have loved you"), alternating with the congregation singing the other set of words ("as Jesus loves us"). (2) The song may be repeated a number of times during the communion of the people or footwashing.

Responding to the Word

SPECIAL MUSIC

Were You There?
Donna DiBella, piano

Arr. Emma Lou Diemer

GUIDED REFLECTION QUESTIONS

- Call to mind the old order of life, remember what normal once was, what comes to mind?
- We naturally resist 'disorder,' in the past year we've all been forced into it in different ways. Take this time to enter the darkness of disorder, consider: what have you avoided? What have you lost? What gifts have you received? How have you changed?
- Between now and Easter morning, I want to invite you reflect upon one more question: emerging from disorder, what is your next most faithful step?

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

One: God of humanity,
All: Hear our prayer.

We pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

One: In a world of division, love is our only hope. May the heart of compassion which kept you faithful to your truth also guide our thoughts and actions as your followers. God of humanity,

All: Hear our prayer.

One: One soldier saw with clarity the true nature of Christ, and it changed his life forever. May we also be transformed by your gracious act of mercy on this day. God of humanity,

All: Hear our prayer.

One: The sun's light failed in the face of your suffering, O Lord. We pray your mercy upon humankind, that our days are not darkened by the selfishness of our deeds toward your creation, and that repentance would lead us to be part of your redemption for all life. God of humanity,

All: Hear our prayer.

One: Send your Spirit to all of those who experience humiliation, torture and death at the hands of those who abuse their authority. May your justice prevail and your healing reach all who suffer, especially... God of humanity,

All: Hear our prayer.

One: Even though we have lost many whom we love, you have shown us clearly that death does not have the final word. Bring all your children into the loving embrace of your eternal kingdom. God of humanity,

All: Hear our prayer.

One: You hear all your children's prayers and gather the lost into your loving arms. Teach us to put our trust in you. Savior of the world, by your cross and precious blood you have redeemed us. Save us, and help us, we humbly call out to you, O Lord. God of all mercy, keep us from a mindless acceptance of things as they are, and a longing for peace without the courage to work for justice. Let us all know in the life-threatening pandemics of disease, poverty, racism, and violence there is an inner calm that comes from faith in you, and that from this central heart of peace, there may flow a creative and courageous

compassion, a deep thirst for racial justice, and a relentless proclamation of your love, to heal and reconcile your world in you through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. To Christ our Lord who loves us, and washed us in his own blood, and made us a kingdom of disciples; the one who first taught us to pray.

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 sins, as we forgive those who sin 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.

Bearing and Following the Word Into the World

CLOSING HYMN #649 Amazing Grace

1 Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
was blind, but now I see.

2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed!

3 Through many dangers, toils, and snares,
I have already come.
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.

4 The Lord has promised good to me;
his word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.

5 When we've been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we'd first begun.

Let us all depart in silence.

The service continues on Easter Sunday at 10am.

POSTLUDE O Holy Jesus

Helmut Walcha

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Who We Are and What We Believe :

Grounded in the grace of God and the Reformed Tradition, we believe in:

Nurturing one another on the journey of faith.

Compassion for all.

Active engagement in the local and global community.

Openness to the Spirit's inspiration.

Our Mission Statement :

Connect. Inspire. Serve.

Connect people in faith, hope and love.

Inspire lifelong discipleship and spiritual growth.

Serve our neighbors near and far.

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