

# *Avon Lake Presbyterian Church*

*Friends in Christ, Serving Together with Love*

# Good Friday

March 29, 2024



*Hearing assistance available: FM receivers  
and earpieces are stored near the AV room.  
See sound technician with questions.*

*Coffee House Worship: in education wing foyer.  
Enjoy a more casual environment while  
Worship is livestreamed from the sanctuary.*

**GATHERING MUSIC**

*In the Cross of Christ / Glory*  
RATHBUN

Setting by James Engel

**PRELUDE**

*Moonlight Sonata/ Beneath the Cross of Jesus* Ludwig Van Beethoven  
Arr. Don Wyrzten

Barbara Graves, piano

**WELCOME**

**CENTERING WORDS**

**CALL TO WORSHIP** *Isaiah 52, Isaiah 53, Psalm 22, John 18, John 19*

One: In sorrow, we gather this day.

**All: Even now, we proclaim our hope in Christ.**

One: In remembrance of His suffering, we gather to worship.

**All: Even now, we find rest in the courage of Christ.**

One: In contemplation and reflection, we gather to pray.

**All: Our faith and confidence in Christ are sure.**

**OPENING PRAYER** *Psalm 22*

**All: God of suffering and sorrow, remind us that we are not alone in our suffering and our sorrow. Open our hearts to Christ's passion, to his suffering and sorrow, that we may find the wisdom and strength to face our own trials and suffering. Amen.**

**\*HYMN**

*Beneath the Cross of Jesus*  
ST. CHRISTOPHER

No. 216

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** *Psalm 22, Hebrews 10*

*Let us take a moment for personal reflection.*

**All: God of comfort and love, be with us amidst our sorrow. Draw us near to your love, for we live in a world full of hate and anger. Grant us the courage, mighty God, to endure the trials of this life. Grant us the faith to embrace hope, even in moments of despair. Sing your Spirit into our lives, that we may sing your praises, even on this day of deep grief. Amen.**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON** *Psalm 22, Hebrews 10*

One: May those who hunger eat their fill. May those who suffer find comfort and hope. God's forgiveness is steadfast and true, through the grace and love of Jesus, the Christ.

**\*HYMN**

*Were You There*  
WERE YOU THERE

No. 228

**INTRODUCTION TO THE WORD****READING OF CHRIST'S PASSION**[John 18-19](#)**ANTHEM**

*Sicilienne*  
Joan Wojcicki Fortney, cello | Rick Fortney, piano

M.T. von Paradis

**BENEDICTION**

One: Each week we remind ourselves

**All: to go out into the world. Return no one evil for evil, strengthen the fainthearted, support the weak, and honor every person. Every person. And rejoice in the Lord always.**

One: And now may the grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with each of you, all your loved ones, and all your concerns, now and forever. Amen.

**\*HYMN**

*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*  
HAMBURG

No. 223

**POSTLUDE**

*Were You There*  
Joan Wojcicki Fortney, cello | Rick Fortney, piano

Traditional Spiritual

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