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Presbyterian Church

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# MAUNDY THURSDAY

THE NINTH DAY OF APRIL, TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY

*Six O'clock*

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE MEDITATION

“What Wondrous Love Is This”

arr. McKee

*Emilee Garrett, Organ*

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 34:1-4, 8

*The Minister:* I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

*The Congregation:* My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad.

*The Minister:* Oh, magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together!

*The Congregation:* I sought the Lord, and he answered me, and delivered me from all my fears.

*All:* Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him! Amen! Let us worship God!

*The Reverend Robert O. Browning, Associate Pastor*

## THE HYMN OF PRAISE

“Man of Sorrows! What a Name”

No. 246

Man of Sorrows! what a name for the Son of God, who came  
ruined sinners to reclaim: Hallelujah! what a Savior!

Bearing shame and scoffing rude, in my place condemned he stood,  
sealed my pardon with his blood: Hallelujah! what a Savior!

Guilty, vile, and helpless, we; spotless Lamb of God was he;  
full atonement! can it be? Hallelujah! what a Savior!

Lifted up was he to die, “It is finished!” was his cry;  
now in heav’n exalted high: Hallelujah! what a Savior!

When he comes, our glorious King, all his ransomed home to bring,  
then anew this song we’ll sing: Hallelujah! what a Savior!

## THE INVOCATION

### THE SCRIPTURE READING

John 13:1-20, 31-35

Now before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart out of this world to the Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. During supper, when the devil had already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon’s son, to betray him, Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going back to God, rose from supper. He laid aside his outer garments, and taking a towel, tied it around his waist. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples’ feet and to wipe them with the towel that was wrapped around him. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, “Lord, do you wash my feet?” Jesus answered him, “What I am doing you do not understand now, but afterward you will understand.” Peter said to him, “You shall never wash my feet.” Jesus answered him, “If I do not wash you, you have no share with me.” Simon Peter said to him, “Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!” Jesus said to him, “The one who has bathed does not need to wash, except for his feet, but is completely clean. And you are clean, but not every one of you.” For he knew who was to betray him; that was why he said, “Not all of you are clean.”

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When he had washed their feet and put on his outer garments and resumed his place, he said to them, “Do you understand what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am. If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet. For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you. Truly, truly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them. I am not speaking of all of you; I know whom I have chosen. But the Scripture will be fulfilled, ‘He who ate my bread has lifted his heel against me.’ I am telling you this now, before it takes place, that when it does take place you may believe that I am he. Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever receives the one I send receives me, and whoever receives me receives the one who sent me.”

When he had gone out, Jesus said, “Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him. If God is glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself, and glorify him at once. Little children, yet a little while I am with you. You will seek me, and just as I said to the Jews, so now I also say to you, ‘Where I am going you cannot come.’ A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

## THE HYMN OF CONFESSION

“Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed”

No. 254

*Luke Folse, Clarinet    James Brown, Guitar*

Alas! and did my Savior bleed, and did my Sovereign die!  
Would he devote that sacred head for such a worm as I!

Was it for crimes that I had done he groaned upon the tree!  
Amazing pity! Grace unknown! And love beyond degree!

Well might the sun in darkness hide, and shut his glories in,  
when Christ, the mighty Maker, died for man the creature’s sin.

Thus might I hide my blushing face while his dear cross appears;  
dissolve my heart in thankfulness, and melt mine eyes in tears.

But drops of grief can ne’er repay the debt of love I owe;  
here, Lord, I give myself away, ‘tis all that I can do.

## THE CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Eternal God, whose covenant with us is never broken: we confess that we have failed to fulfill your will for us. We betray our neighbors, desert our friends, and run in fear when we should be loyal. Though you have bound yourself to us, we have not bound ourselves to you. God, have mercy on us weak and willful people. Lead us once again into your presence and fill us with the bread of your joy and the wine of your delight. To Christ be praise forever, *Amen*.

## THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

“All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—everyone—to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, and yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth.” — *Isaiah 53:6-7*

## THE QUARTET

“Who Is the Lamb?”

Larson

*Christley Vaughn, Virginia Folse, Luke Folse, and Sam Payne, Quartet*

*Pam Brown, Piano*

*James A. Brown, Jr., Director*

## THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Romans 8:35-37

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all the day long;  
we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.”

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

# THE SERMON

Romans 8:35-37  
“The Real Question”  
*Dr. Sean Michael Lucas*  
*Senior Pastor*

## SERMON NOTES

1. Rogues

2. Reality

3. Reassurance

4. Reason

## THE HYMN OF RESPONSE

No. 261

“What Wondrous Love Is This”

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!

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!

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!

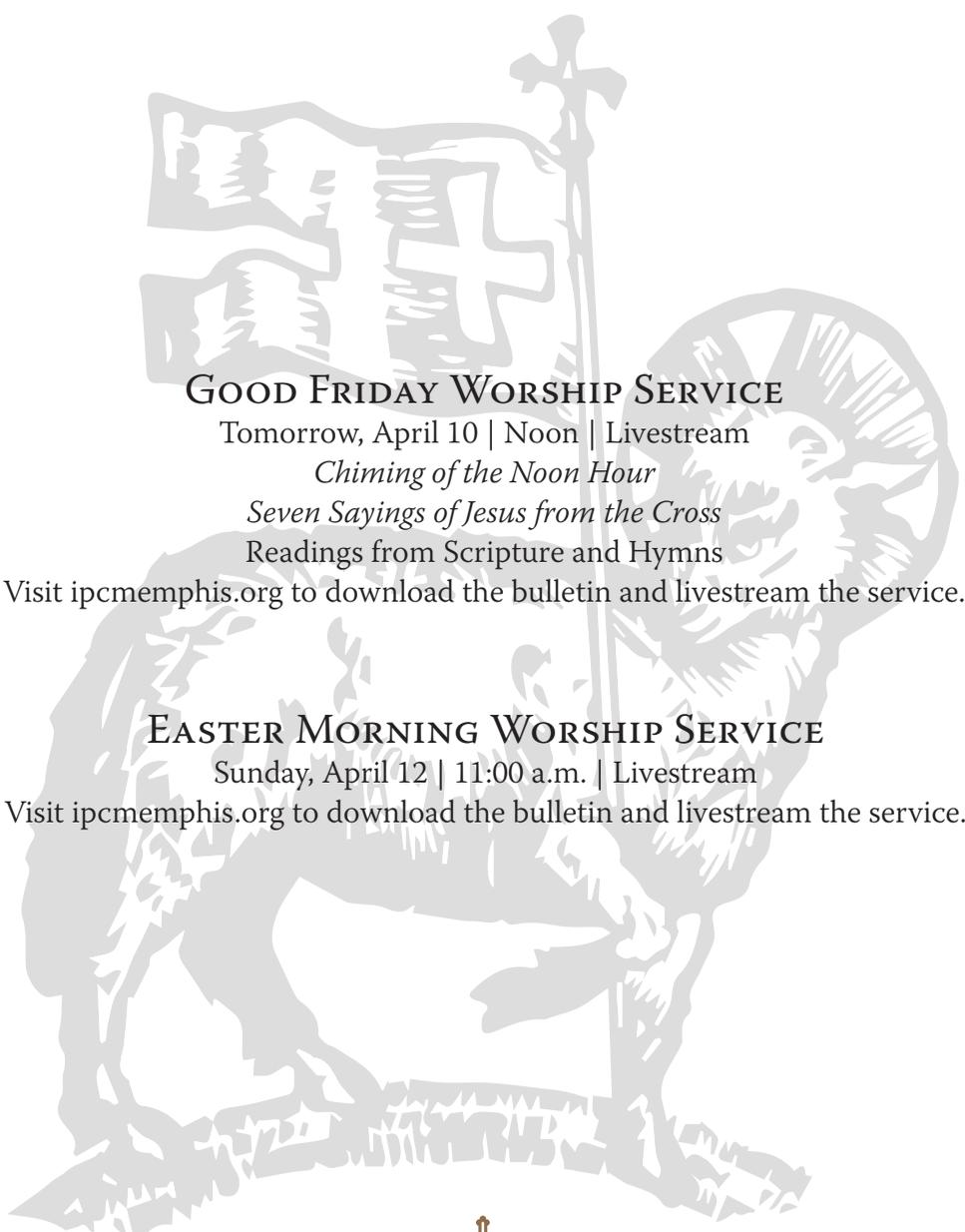
## THE BENEDICTION

## THE POSTLUDE

“Amazing Grace!”  
*Drew Lucas, Bagpipes*

Traditional





## GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

Tomorrow, April 10 | Noon | Livestream

*Chiming of the Noon Hour*

*Seven Sayings of Jesus from the Cross*

Readings from Scripture and Hymns

Visit [ipcmemphis.org](http://ipcmemphis.org) to download the bulletin and livestream the service.

## EASTER MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, April 12 | 11:00 a.m. | Livestream

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