

WALK OF CHRISTIAN WITNESS

First Presbyterian Church

March 30, 2018

PRELUDE "When Jesus on the Cross Was Bound" P. Kickstat

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Ann Stewart

We enter into a holy place through the new and living way Jesus Christ has opened for us.

We come as a holy people—born of the grace of Jesus Christ, delivered through his blood.

***OPENING PRAYER**

We stand near the cross, O God disturbed, distraught, discouraged. Yet we gather here as disciples, those whom Jesus loves. On this day, let us stand as witnesses to your great love for all the world, revealed in the outstretched arms of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***HYMN NO. 101** (Blue Hymnal) "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" HAMBURG

SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 52:13 – 53:8 OT Pg. 683

ORGAN MEDITATION "O Lamb of God, Most Holy" G. P. Telemann

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 22:1-21 OT Pg. 500

ORGAN MEDITATION "Jesus Crucified, Sorrow and Pain" E. Pepping

SCRIPTURE READING John 19:16-30 NT Pg. 113

ORGAN MEDITATION "O Blessed Jesu, How Hast Thou Offended" J. Brahms

LITANY FOR GOOD FRIDAY

Lord Jesus Christ, we confess to you: like sheep, we all go astray.

Lamb of God, have mercy on us.

We betray you; we deny you; like sheep, we all go astray.

Lamb of God, have mercy on us.

We mock you; we scorn you; like sheep, we all go astray.

Lamb of God, have mercy on us.

We abandon you; we forsake you; like sheep, we all go astray.

Lamb of God, have mercy on us.

We condemn you; we crucify you; like sheep, we all go astray.

Lamb of God, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, have mercy on us,

and by your grace, Lord Jesus Christ, save us from our sin. Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Take heart, for we have a high priest, Jesus Christ, the son of God,

who understands our human experience and sympathizes with our weakness.

He deals gently with the ignorant and the wayward and is the source of our eternal salvation.

Thanks be to God.

***HYMN NO. 98** (Blue Hymnal) "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" PASSION CHORALE

DISMISSAL

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