

God's Word Gives Our Lives Direction



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Worship Services
10:30 AM & 6:30 PM

Church School: 9:30 AM
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“It is finished.”

John 19:30



April 2, 2021

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Welcome to First Christian Reformed Church
April 2, 2021
Good Friday Service – 7 PM

¹³ *Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us, for it is written: “Cursed is everyone who is hung on a tree.”*
-Galatians 3:13

* Tonight’s service will proceed unannounced.

We Gather to Meet God

Prelude

* Opening Song: LUYH #177 *“Oh, to See the Dawn”* v. 1-4

1. Oh, to see the dawn of the darkest day:
Christ on the road to Calvary.

All

Tried by sinful men, torn and beaten, then
nailed to a cross of wood.

This the power of the cross: Christ became sin for us.
Took the blame, bore the wrath,
we stand forgiven at the cross.

2. Oh, to see the pain written on Your face
bearing the awesome weight of sin.
Every bitter thought, every evil deed
crowning Your blood stained brow.

Women
start,
Men
join on
chorus

This the power of the cross: Christ became sin for us.
Took the blame, bore the wrath,
we stand forgiven at the cross.

3. Now the daylight flees,
now the ground beneath
quakes as its Maker bows his head.
Curtain torn in two, dead are raised to life,
finished the vict’ry cry.

Men
start,
Women
join on
chorus

This the power of the cross: Christ became sin for us.
Took the blame, bore the wrath,
we stand forgiven at the cross.

4. Oh, to see my name written in the wounds,
for through Your suffering I am free.
All Death is crushed to death; life is mine to live,
won through Your selfless love.
This the power of the cross:
Son of God slain for us.
What a name, what a cost,
we stand forgiven at the cross.

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* Welcome/Announcements

* Call to Worship

Leader: Tonight the carpenter's hands are nailed to a
cross, the King of kings is crowned with thorns
and wears the purple robe of mockery.

**People: Tonight he sets us free, himself imprisoned
on a tree. Tonight is God's Friday.
We come in worship.**

* Our Declaration of Trust, and God's Greeting

Leader: Congregation of Jesus Christ,
in whom are you trusting?

**People: Our help is in the name of the Lord who made
heaven and earth.**

Leader: Grace, mercy, and peace to you
In the name of the Father,
the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen

The Service of Shadows

The Shadow of the Upper Room

Scripture Reading: John 13:1-17 and Matthew 26:26-30

John 13:1-17: ¹It was just before the Passover Feast. Jesus knew that the time had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he now showed them the full extent of his love. ²The evening meal was being served, and the devil had already prompted Judas Iscariot, son of Simon, to betray Jesus. ³Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God; ⁴so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. ⁵After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him. ⁶He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" ⁷Jesus replied, "You do not realize now what I am doing, but later you will understand."

Matthew 26:26-30: ²⁶While they were eating, Jesus took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body." ²⁷Then he took the cup, gave thanks and offered it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you. ²⁸This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. ²⁹I tell you, I will not drink of this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it anew with you in my Father's kingdom." ³⁰When they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

Song of Preparation: *"The Basin and the Towel"* – Michael Card

(During the song the elders serving communion are invited forward)

We Meet Our Lord at His Table

(This model liturgy for the Lord's Supper features a structure similar to the traditional Jewish Passover celebration, in which a young child asks the adults in the community about the meaning of the meal.)

Pastor: This is the Lord's table. Our Savior invites those who trust him to share the feast that he has prepared.

Child: Why do we give thanks and praise before this table?

People: We give thanks for God's work of creation, liberation, and salvation.

Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and delight, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to you, O holy Lord, eternal God. You created the heavens and the earth and all that is in them; you made us in your own image; and in countless ways you show us your mercy. Therefore, with choirs of angels and the whole company of heaven, we worship and adore your glorious name, joining our voices in their unending praise:

**People: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Pastor: All glory and blessing are yours, O holy God, for in your mercy you gave your only Son, Jesus Christ. He took our human nature and suffered death on the cross for our redemption. There he made a perfect sacrifice for the sins for the whole world. We praise you that before he suffered and died, our Savior gave us this holy sacrament and commanded us to continue it until he comes again.

Child: Why do we eat bread at this table?

Pastor: On the night before he died, Jesus took bread. After giving thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat. This is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Child: Why do we drink from the cup at this table?

Pastor: The same night Jesus took the cup, saying,
“This cup is the new covenant sealed in
my blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this in remembrance of me.”

Child: What do we remember at this table?

Pastor: We remember God’s gracious love for us,
Christ’s death and resurrection for us,
And the Spirit’s tender care for us.
Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**People: Dying, you destroyed our death;
rising, you restored our life.
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

Pastor: Merciful God, pour out your Holy Spirit
on these gifts of bread and wine,
that in eating and drinking we may be made one
with Christ and one another.

All: Amen.

Pastor: All who are truly sorry for their sins,
who sincerely believe in the Lord Jesus as their
Savior, and who desire to live in obedience to him,
are now invited with gladness to the table of the
Lord!

Distribution of the Elements

(For communion we will be using the individual communion packets in the pew holders. During the singing of the communion song the elders will also be coming down the aisles to serve the elements to those who have difficulty opening the individual packets).

Communion Song: LUYH #840 *"Behold the Lamb
(Communion Hymn)" v. 1-3*

1. Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away,
slain for us- and we remember
the promise made that all who come in faith
find forgiveness at the cross.
So we share in this Bread of Life,
and we drink of His sacrifice
as a sign of our bonds of peace
around the table of the King.
2. The body of our Savior, Jesus Christ,
torn for you- eat and remember
the wounds that heal; the death that brings us life
paid the price to make us one.
So we share in this Bread of Life,
and we drink of His sacrifice
as a sign of our bonds of love
around the table of the King.
3. The blood that cleanses every stain of sin,
shed for you- drink and remember
He drained death's cup, that all may enter in
to receive the life of God.
So we share in this Bread of Life,
and we drink of His sacrifice
as a sign of our bonds of grace
around the table of the King.

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(As the elements are being served)

Sharing of the Bread and Cup:

The Bread: Jesus said, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty." (John 6:35)

Take, eat, remember and believe that the body of our Lord Jesus Christ was given for the complete forgiveness of all our sins.

The Cup: Jesus stood and said in a loud voice,
"If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink.
Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said,
streams of living water will flow within him."
The cup for which we give thanks is a sharing
in the blood of Christ.

Take, drink, remember and believe the precious blood of our
Lord Jesus Christ was shed for the complete forgiveness
of all our sins.

Response of Praise

Worthy is the lamb, who was slain,
to receive power and wealth
and wisdom and strength, and honor and glory and praise!

* Communion Song: LUYH #840 "*Behold the Lamb
(Communion Hymn)*" v. 4

4. And so with thankfulness and faith we rise
to respond - and to remember
our call to follow in the steps of Christ
as His body here on earth.
And as we share in His suffering,
we proclaim Christ will come again!
And we'll join in the feast of heaven
around the table of the King.

The Shadow of Prediction

Scripture Reading: Matthew 26:31-35

Matthew 26:31-35: ³¹Then Jesus told them, "This very night
you will all fall away on account of me, for it is written: "I will
strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be
scattered."³²But after I have risen, I will go ahead of you into
Galilee."³³Peter replied, "Even if all fall away on account of
you, I never will."

³⁴"I tell you the truth," Jesus answered, "this very night, before
the rooster crows, you will disown me three times."

³⁵But Peter declared, "Even if I have to die with you, I will
never disown you." And all the other disciples said the same.

Song of Response: LUYH #172

"Ah, Holy Jesus, How Have You Offended" v. 1-3

1. Ah, holy Jesus, how have you offended,
that mortal judgment has on you descended?
By foes derided, by your own rejected,
O most afflicted!
2. Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon you?
It is my treason, Lord, that has undone you.
'Twas I, Lord Jesus, I it was denied you;
I crucified you.
3. For me, dear Jesus, was your incarnation,
your mortal sorrow, and your life's oblation;
your death of anguish and your bitter passion,
for my salvation.

The Shadow of the Garden and Betrayal

Scripture Reading: Mark 14:32-42, Mark 14:43-52

Mark 14:32-42: ³²They went to a place called Gethsemane, and Jesus said to his disciples, "Sit here while I pray." ³³He took Peter, James and John along with him, and he began to be deeply distressed and troubled. ³⁴"My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death," he said to them. "Stay here and keep watch." ³⁵Going a little farther, he fell to the ground and prayed that if possible the hour might pass from him. ³⁶"Abba, Father," he said, "everything is possible for you. Take this cup from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will." ³⁷Then he returned to his disciples and found them sleeping. "Simon," he said to Peter, "are you asleep? Could you not keep watch for one hour? ³⁸Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the body is weak." ³⁹Once more he went away and prayed the same thing. ⁴⁰When he came back, he again found them sleeping, because their eyes were heavy. They did not know what to say to him. ⁴¹Returning the third time, he said to them, "Are you still sleeping and resting? Enough! The hour has come. Look, the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. ⁴²Rise! Let us go! Here comes my betrayer!"

Mark 14:43-52: ⁴³Just as he was speaking, Judas, one of the Twelve, appeared. With him was a crowd armed with swords and clubs, sent from the chief priests, the teachers of the law, and the elders. ⁴⁴Now the betrayer had arranged a signal with them: "The one I kiss is the man; arrest him and lead him away under guard." ⁴⁵Going at once to Jesus, Judas said, "Rabbi!" and kissed him. ⁴⁶The men seized Jesus and arrested him. ⁴⁷Then one of those standing near drew his sword and struck the servant of the high priest, cutting off his ear. ⁴⁸"Am I leading a rebellion," said Jesus, "that you have come out with swords and clubs to capture me? ⁴⁹Every day I was with you, teaching in the temple courts, and you did not arrest me. But the Scriptures must be fulfilled." ⁵⁰Then everyone deserted him and fled. ⁵¹A young man, wearing nothing but a linen garment, was following Jesus. When they seized him, ⁵²he fled naked, leaving his garment behind.

Song of Response: "Why?" – Michael Card

The Shadow of Denial

Scripture Reading: Luke 22:54-62

Luke 22:54-62: ⁵⁴Then seizing him, they led him away and took him into the house of the high priest. Peter followed at a distance. ⁵⁵But when they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and had sat down together, Peter sat down with them. ⁵⁶A servant girl saw him seated there in the firelight. She looked closely at him and said, "This man was with him." ⁵⁷But he denied it. "Woman, I don't know him," he said. ⁵⁸A little later someone else saw him and said, "You also are one of them. Man, I am not!" Peter replied. ⁵⁹About an hour later another asserted, "Certainly this fellow was with him, for he is a Galilean." ⁶⁰Peter replied, "Man, I don't know what you're talking about!" Just as he was speaking, the rooster crowed. ⁶¹The Lord turned and looked straight at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word the Lord had spoken to him: "Before the rooster crows today, you will disown me three times." ⁶²And he went outside and wept bitterly.

Meditation: ***“Growing with Peter – Fearful Silence”***

Prayer of Application

Hymn of Response: *“Here is Love” – Sovereign Grace*

The Shadow of Accusation

Scripture Readings: Mark 15:1-15

Mark 15:1-15: ¹Very early in the morning, the chief priests, with the elders, the teachers of the law and the whole Sanhedrin, reached a decision. They bound Jesus, led him away and handed him over to Pilate. ²"Are you the king of the Jews?" asked Pilate. "Yes, it is as you say," Jesus replied.

³The chief priests accused him of many things.

⁴So again Pilate asked him, "Aren't you going to answer? See how many things they are accusing you of."

⁵But Jesus still made no reply, and Pilate was amazed.

⁶Now it was the custom at the Feast to release a prisoner whom the people requested. ⁷A man called Barabbas was in prison with the insurrectionists who had committed murder in the uprising. ⁸The crowd came up and asked Pilate to do for them what he usually did.

⁹"Do you want me to release to you the king of the Jews?" asked Pilate, ¹⁰knowing it was out of envy that the chief priests had handed Jesus over to him. ¹¹But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have Pilate release Barabbas instead.

¹²"What shall I do, then, with the one you call the king of the Jews?" Pilate asked them.

¹³"Crucify him!" they shouted.

¹⁴"Why? What crime has he committed?" asked Pilate. But they shouted all the louder, "Crucify him!" ¹⁵Wanting to satisfy the crowd, Pilate released Barabbas to them. He had Jesus flogged, and handed him over to be crucified.

Hymn of Response: LUYH #168

"O Sacred Head Now Wounded" v. 1-3

1. O sacred head, now wounded,
with grief and shame weighed down,
now scornfully surrounded
with thorns, your only crown.
O sacred head, what glory
and blessing you have known!
Yet, though despised and gory,
I claim you as my own.
2. My Lord, what you did suffer
was all for sinners' gain;
mine, mine was the transgression,
but yours the deadly pain.
So here I kneel, my Savior,
for I deserve your place;
look on me with your favor
and save me by your grace.
3. What language shall I borrow
to thank you, dearest Friend,
for this, your dying sorrow,
your mercy without end?
Lord, make me yours forever,
a loyal servant true,
and let me never, never
outlive my love for you.

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The Shadow of Humiliation and Mockery

Scripture Reading: Matthew 27:27-31, Luke 23:26-31

Matthew 27:27-31: ²⁷Then the governor's soldiers took Jesus into the Praetorium and gathered the whole company of soldiers around him. ²⁸They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, ²⁹and then twisted together a crown of thorns and set it on his head. They put a staff in his right hand and knelt in front of him and mocked him. "Hail, king of the Jews!" they said.

³⁰They spit on him, and took the staff and struck him on the head again and again. ³¹After they had mocked him, they took off the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.

Luke 23:26-31: ²⁶As they led him away, they seized Simon from Cyrene, who was on his way in from the country, and put the cross on him and made him carry it behind Jesus. ²⁷ A large number of people followed him, including women who mourned and wailed for him. ²⁸Jesus turned and said to them, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me; weep for yourselves and for your children. ²⁹For the time will come when you will say, 'Blessed are the barren women, the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed!'

³⁰Then ""they will say to the mountains, "Fall on us!" and to the hills, "Cover us!"" ³¹For if men do these things when the tree is green, what will happen when it is dry?"

Song of Response: LUYH #164 v. 1-2

"What Wondrous 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.

The Shadow of Crucifixion

Scripture Reading: Luke 23:32-43

Luke 23:32-43: ³²Two other men, both criminals, were also led out with him to be executed. ³³When they came to the place called the Skull, there they crucified him, along with the criminals--one on his right, the other on his left.

³⁴Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." And they divided up his clothes by casting lots.

³⁵The people stood watching, and the rulers even sneered at him. They said, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen One." ³⁶The soldiers also came up and mocked him. They offered him wine vinegar ³⁷and said, "If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself."

³⁸There was a written notice above him, which read: THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS. ³⁹One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: "Aren't you the Christ? Save yourself and us!" ⁴⁰ But the other criminal rebuked him. "Don't you fear God," he said, "since you are under the same sentence? ⁴¹We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong."

⁴²Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." ⁴³Jesus answered him, "I tell you the truth, today you will be with me in paradise."

Song of Response: *"The Death of a Son" – Michael Card*

The Shadow of Death

Scripture Reading: Matthew 27:45-54

Matthew 27:45-54: ⁴⁵From the sixth hour until the ninth hour darkness came over all the land. ⁴⁶About the ninth hour Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?"--which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

⁴⁷When some of those standing there heard this, they said, "He's calling Elijah." ⁴⁸Immediately one of them ran and got a sponge. He filled it with wine vinegar, put it on a stick, and offered it to Jesus to drink. ⁴⁹The rest said, "Now leave him alone. Let's see if Elijah comes to save him." ⁵⁰And when Jesus had cried out again in a loud voice, he gave up his spirit.

⁵¹At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. The earth shook and the rocks split.

⁵²The tombs broke open and the bodies of many holy people who had died were raised to life. ⁵³They came out of the tombs, and after Jesus' resurrection they went into the holy city and appeared to many people. ⁵⁴When the centurion and those with him who were guarding Jesus saw the earthquake and all that had happened, they were terrified, and exclaimed, "Surely he was the Son of God!"

Hymn of Response: LUYH #175 v.1-3

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” (v. 3 – accapella)

1. When I survey the wondrous cross
on which the Prince of glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss,
and pour contempt on all my pride.
2. Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
save in the death of Christ, my God!
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them through his blood.
3. See, from his head, his hands, his feet,
sorrow and love flow mingled down.
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
or thorns compose so rich a crown?

The Christ Candle is Removed

(All overhead lights are blackened and there is time of silence as the Christ candle is removed. Then, out of the darkness, an unaccompanied soloist sings two verses of “Were You There” (PH #377 v. 1,3). This is followed by a longer time of silence that is very gradually broken by a loud sound signifying the tumult of the earth and the rending of curtain at Christ’s death; this is accomplished by a mallet roll on a cymbal, beginning almost inaudibly, then increasing in intensity over nearly a full minute until the sound thunders off the walls and through everyone’s heads. Coming right out of this, the organ leads into the final hymn, the last verse of “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross.” The Christ candle is then restored as we anticipate Christ’s resurrection, and we silently leave with his blessing.)

The Christ Candle is Removed

Solo Response: *“Were You There”* v. 1,3 –

Time of Silence

Sound Symbolizing the Tumult of the Earth

* Hymn of Response: *“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”* v. 4

4. Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were a present far too small.
Love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.

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(During this hymn the Christ Candle is restored)

* Dismissal

Leader: May Jesus Christ, who for our sake became
obedient to death, even death on a cross, keep
you and strengthen you.

All: Amen.

* Parting Hymn: *“How Rich a Treasure We Possess”* – Sovereign Grace

* We Depart in Silence