

BURLINGTON EAST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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GOOD FRIDAY

April 14, 2017

10:30 a.m.

WE GATHER IN GOD
MUSICAL PRELUDE

- * ENTRY OF GOD'S WRITTEN WORD
- * PROCESSIONAL HYMN: (Hymn No. 299, verse 1)
- * CARRYING IN OF THE CROSS

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP:

Today God makes common cause with our human suffering.

**We read the Scriptures, sing the hymns, feel the feelings
of the day Christ died.**

Suffering is not rational. It has no answer.

But in the cross God meets us in our suffering.

From this day forward we know that
there is nowhere we can go where God is not with us.

God, into your hands we commend our spirits.

* HYMN: O Sacred Head now wounded

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PRAYER OF ADORATION, CONFESSION

We come to the foot of your cross

and we bow with the disciples,

we ponder the mystery of your life and death with Mary,

we proclaim the truth of who you are with those who witnessed your love
spoken and shown.

We come to you this day, because you first came to us,

We come loving you, because you first loved us,

We come to serve you, because you first served us,

We come to worship you

as the Creator, Christ and the Holy Spirit, one God,

now and always.

**You are a God of loving-kindness
and you sent Christ into the world
that we might have life and have it abundantly;
and yet we live lives that are often deadly
and less than you would have them be:
we allow your world to be filled with violence and terror,
our trust in you is shallow
and our faithfulness falters.
In the face of uncertainty and trouble,
we forget your loving kindness governs all things.
Forgive who we have been, amend who we are and direct
who we shall be.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ANTHEM: "AND THE CROWD CRIED OUT"

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

READING: John 18:1-5; 12-27 read by Susan Stock

Silence

MESSAGE: "WHAT KIND OF DENIAL?"

OFFERING

* DOXOLOGY HYMN: (Hymn No. 79)

*HYMN: When I Survey the Wondrous Cross 231

READING: John 19:1-30 read by Brian Johnson

Silence

*HYMN: What wondrous love is this 242

READING: John 19:38-42 read by Beryl Gorrie

Silence

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

O God of Peace,

Within ourselves, our relationships, our communities and this world there is often conflict and antagonism. We pray for all places where violence and cruelty appear to win the day, countries where wars cuts people away, and relationships that are cruel.

Loving God, give us peace in our time;

Lord in your mercy...

Hear our prayer.

O God of Hope,

When the world is confusing and bleak you pierce the darkness with light, with hope, and with renewed vision. We give you thanks for lessons learned, for changes of heart, for new discoveries made and hope restored.

As we prepare to mark your death and resurrection, we pray this day for those who are ill and dying, and for those who are bereaved and feel any burden of loss. We give you thanks for those who have died and abide with you; keep us united with them and bring us to you at the last.

Loving God, give us hope in our time;

Lord in your mercy...

Hear our prayer.

O Spirit of God,

We pray for the Church of Christ here and throughout the world:

for its unity in witness and service;

where it is in error or in thrall to any idolatry or cruelty, restore its vigor and grace.

Nurture our callings to serve the Church and the unique ministries you have called us to build.

Loving God, give us hope in our time;

Lord in your mercy...

Hear our prayer.

O Creator of Joy

We give you thanks for moments of joy and celebration in our lives, for pleasure given and received, for moments of quiet reflection and for happy gatherings. We remember before you those who feel left out, who feel bitter while others rejoice, who are difficult to love, and those who walk in dark valleys; be their light and be their warmth and melt our hearts to so that we might love more deeply all people in difficulty.

Loving God, give us joy in our time.

Lord in your mercy...

Hear our prayer.

WE GO FORTH IN GOD

Darkening of the church, extinguishing the Christ candle and covering of the communion table – Sandra Henderson and Beryl Gorrie

This service will conclude in silence. There is no benediction, no postlude, no greeting at the door. You are invited to remain and meditate on the meaning of Christ's death, then to exit in silence to the Douglas Hall (downstairs) for communion followed by a time of fellowship and refreshments.

* - Stand as you are able

WELCOME TO BURLINGTON EAST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Worship Service. The Duty Elder is available for your assistance. If you are a visitor and are considering this Church as your new home congregation, please sign the Guest Book so that Rev. McAnsh may contact and welcome you. A Nursery is available in the McRae wing. Please join us for Fellowship Hour following the Worship Service.

WE WELCOME Rev Dr. Nancy Calvert-Koyzis to the pulpit today

Duty Elder	Sandra Henderson
Responsive Psalm	Sandra Henderson
Ushers	Walt Richards Ron Dekker
Greeters	Paula De Cock Christine Alexander
Fellowship	Session
Sunday School	NO SUNDAY SCHOOL
Nursery	NO NURSERY



Easter Sunday – April 16, 2017 at 10:30 pm

NO FELLOWSHIP after the Service.

