

Mt. Zion United Church of Christ

Fourth Sunday of Lent

10:30AM

Final Words from the Cross: "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

O Sacred Head Now Wounded

by Hassler

CALL TO WORSHIP¹

L: Come, let us gather once again in the shadow of the Cross of Christ.

P: We gather to remember the overwhelming evidence of Love's ultimate sacrifice.

L: Who would have guessed that the height and depth, the length and width of God's love might look like this: a forsaken savior on a cross?

P: Certainly not us. We are too often lost amid the world's distractions and responsibilities and yet this love was offered to us without cost.

L: Let us gather again in the shadow of the Cross of Christ and commit ourselves to remembering the price paid.

P: Thanks be to God, who opened the gates of heaven, that we might have the faith, hope and love, witnessed in Christ's sacrifice for our salvation.

OPENING HYMN NO. 223 (black hymnal, see p. 3)

What Wondrous Love

SUNDAY SONGS

Hidden in My Heart

by Elkins

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

JOYS & CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

ALL: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

HYMN NO. 224 (black hymnal, see p. 4, vs. 1 & 2)

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

MONOLOGUE

A Man in the Crowd

Andrew Texter

HYMN NO. 224 (black hymnal, see p. 4, vs. 3 & 4)

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

SCRIPTURE (read by Marcus Alfonso)

Mark 15: 29-33 & Psalm 22: 1-5, 19-27, 30-31

MESSAGE

WORSHIP CHOIR ANTHEM

Nearer, My God to Thee (In Your Presence)
by Adams & Mason

TIME OF CONFESSION

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION²

ALL: Lord, I have gone astray. I have turned to my own way. I have sinned and have been the cause of Christ's suffering. Please forgive me. Remove the sins that distance me from you and from those I love and care about. Remove my selfishness, my pride, my envy, and my greed. Remove from me my thoughtless acts and words that hurt others. Remove from me the tendency to hurt others out of revenge and anger. Forgive me, please. Create in me a clean heart, O Lord. And renew in me a right spirit. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

CLOSING HYMN NO. 438 (black hymnal, see p. 5)

It Is Well with My Soul

BENEDICTION

***Reflect & Act:** Think of a group of people who may be suffering—what empathy can you develop? What can you pray for? Who can you pray for? Share with us your answers by texting 717.408.9280 or emailing pastordani@mtzionucc.org!*

POSTLUDE

How Deep the Father's Love for Us

by Townend

Thank you to Marcus Alfonso for reading Scripture this morning! Thank you to the Lent Worship Planning Team for creating today's service and for decorating the altar. The Lent team members are Marcus Alfonso, Steph Beyer, Brigitte Bradnick, Pastor Danielle, Travis Pinci, & Denny Daugherty. Thank you to Andrew Texter for reading the monologue this morning. Thank you to Dave Beyer, Joe Vacante, Dave Firestone, John Kollasch, & John Schriver for serving on the tech team. Thank you to Braden Bicher Beyer for serving on the praise team.

¹The call to worship was adapted from a call to worship written by Mary J. Scifres and B.J. Beau and found on the website <https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/2492/worship-elements-good-friday-2020-option-2>, accessed on March 8, 2021.

²The prayer of confession was adapted from a confession written by Mary J. Scifres and B.J. Beau and found on the website <https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/2492/worship-elements-good-friday-2020-option-2>, accessed on March 8, 2021..

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What Wondrous Love Is This

Piano ♩ = 80

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff in 2/4 time. It consists of five systems of music, each with a measure number (5, 10, 14, 18) at the beginning. The lyrics are arranged in three columns under the notes. The first system starts with three numbered options for the first line of lyrics. The melody is simple and repetitive, with a final cadence at the end of the fifth system.

1. What won - drous love is this, O my soul! O my
2. To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will
3. And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing

5
soul! What won - drous love is this, O my soul! What
sing, to God and to the Lamb, I will sing; To
on, and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on! And

10
won - drous love is this! that Christ should come in bliss to
God and to the Lamb who is the great I Am, while
when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joy - ful be, and

14
bear the heav - y cross for my soul, for my soul, to
mil - lions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing; while
through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and

18
bear the heav - y cross for my soul!
mil - lions join the theme, I will sing!
through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on!

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

$\text{♩} = 80$

Piano

1. When I sur - vey the won - drous cross,
 2. For - bid it, then, that I should boast,
 3. From sa - cred head, from hands, and feet,
 4. Were the whole realm of na - ture mine,

5

on which the Christ of glo - ry died,
 save in the death of Christ, my God;
 sor - row and love flow min - gled down!
 that were a pres - ent far too small;

9

My rich - est gain I count but loss,
 All the vain things that charm me most
 Did e'er such love and so - row meet,
 Love so a - maz - ing, so di - vine,

13

and pour con - tempt on all my pride.
 I sac - ri - fice them to Christ's blood.
 or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
 de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

When Peace, Like a River

Piano $\text{♩} = 80$

1. When peace, like a ri - ver, up - holds me each
 2. Though e - vil should tempt me, though tri - als should
 3. My sin - oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous
 4. O God, speed the day that is filled with your

5

day, when sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll, What -
 come, let this - blessed as - sur - ance con - trol, That
 thought - my sin - not in part, but the whole - Is
 light, when clouds are rolled back as a scroll; The

9

- ev - er my lot, you have taught me to say, "It is
 Christ has re - gard - ed my help - less es - tate, and has
 nailed to the cross and I bear it no more. Praise the
 trum - pet shall sound and the Lord shall ap - pear, "e - ven

13

well, it is well with my soul." It is
 paid life and blood for my soul:
 Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!
 so" - it is well with my soul.

17

well with my soul, it is

21

well, it is well with my soul.