

Order of Worship

Sioux Center United Reformed Church

Good Friday, April 7, 2023

OPENING OF SERVICE

- * Call to Worship
- * Prayer of Invocation
- * God's Greeting
- * Hymn of Praise: 342 *Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted*

TO AFFIRM OUR FAITH

- * Heidelberg Catechism Q.A. 1

1 Q. What is your only comfort in life and in death?

A. That I am not my own, but belong – body and soul, in life and in death – to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.

He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has delivered me from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation

Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, also assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

- * Hymn of Response: 348:1,3,6 *Glory Be to Jesus*

TO PRAISE GOD

Psalm 22:1-18

Psalm of Lament: 22A:1,6 *My God, My God, O Why Have You Forsaken Me?*

FOR SERVICE OF GRATITUDE

Congregational Prayer

TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

- * Hymn of Preparation: 343 *What Wondrous Love Is This*

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture: Matthew 27:11-56

Message: **"LET HIM BE CRUCIFIED!"**

Prayer of Application

CLOSING OF SERVICE

- * Psalm of Response: 351 *How Deep the Father's Love for Us*
- Offertory Prayer
- Hymn of Thanksgiving: 336 *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded*
- Offertory: Westminster Seminary (offering received during song)
- * Benediction
- * Psalm of Praise: 335: 1,4 *Praise the Savoir Now and Ever*

**Please stand if you are able*

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1. "His blood be on us and on our children!"

2. "He saved others; he can't save himself."

3. "Truly this was the Son of God!"

Questions for Personal and Family Devotions

5. Why is today called Good Friday, shouldn't it be called Bad Friday or Sad Friday?
6. What is the significance of Christ's blood being on us and on our children?
7. Explain how you are responsible for Christ's death.
8. How does the Father's plan and Christ's victory give you hope no matter what you face right now?