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**Good Friday, April 3, 2026**

**The Rev. Dr. Tom Yorty, Temporary Pastor  
Heather Dietsch, Organist  
Barry Dietsch, Choral Director**

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7:00 p.m.

## **AS YOU PREPARE FOR WORSHIP**

*In order that people may listen to the music or pray in silence without distraction, please refrain from conversation after the music begins and kindly silence all cell phones. Thank you.*

*Children of all ages are welcome to remain in worship. A playroom is available near the sanctuary for young children who are accompanied by their parents.*

*Prayer Requests: If you have a prayer request which you would like the pastor to include in "Prayers of the People," please fill out the yellow prayer request slip found in the pew racks and place it in the offering plate when passed. Ushers will take them from the plate and when the offering is brought forward, hand them to the pastor.*

## **GATHERING AROUND THE WORD**

Prelude	Elegy Heather Dietsch-Solo Alex Hamilton—Flute	T. H. Bohm
Welcome		Dr. Yorty
Choral Introit	Lord, Thou hast Been Our Dwelling Place	Thiman
Call to Worship: <i>(please stand, if able)</i>		

Christ Jesus bore our sins in his body on the cross  
so that we might die to sin and live for righteousness.

**Blessed is the name of the Lord.**

### **Prayer of the Day**

Almighty God, look with mercy on your family,  
for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed  
and to be given over to the hands of sinners,  
and to suffer death on the cross;  
who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Hymn #216

*Beneath The Cross of Jesus*

## PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination:

Holy One, our strength in suffering  
and our hope for salvation,  
lift up your Word of life  
and pour out your Spirit of grace  
so that we may follow faithfully  
all the way to the cross;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Passion Narrative from John's Gospel:

John 18:1-18 (p. 112 of the NT in pew Bible)

*I. His Hands* by Kenneth Cope verse 1

Heather Dietsch

John 18:19-40 (p. 112 of the NT in pew Bible)

*II. His Hands* verse 2

John 19:1-16a (p. 113 of the NT in pew Bible)

*III. His Hands* verse 3

John 19:16b-37 (p. 113 of the NT in pew Bible)

*IV. His Hands* verse 4

Meditation

The Abyss

Hymn #218

*Ah, Holy Jesus*

## The Solemn Intercession:

Beloved people of God,  
as Jesus stretched out his arms on the cross  
to offer life and salvation to all,  
Let us pray for the world that God loves so much.

Almighty and eternal God,  
you have shown your glory to all nations in Jesus Christ.  
By your Holy Spirit, guide the church  
and gather it throughout the world.  
Help it to persevere in faith, proclaim your name,  
and bring the good news of salvation in Christ to all people.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray for the church universal and this congregation.

Almighty and eternal God,  
your Spirit guides the church and makes it holy.  
Strengthen and uphold pastors and other leaders;  
keep them in health and safety for the good of the church.  
Help each of us to faithfully do  
the work to which you have called us.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray for people of other faiths.

Almighty and eternal God,  
gather into your embrace  
all those who call out to you under different names.  
Bring an end to interreligious strife,  
and make us more faithful in our witness  
to the love made known to us in your Son and the peace all  
of the great faith traditions call forth.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray for those who cannot believe:

Almighty and eternal God,  
you created humanity so that all might long to know you  
and find peace in you. Grant that all may recognize signs of  
your love and grace in the world and in the lives of people of

faith everywhere. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray for God's creation:

Almighty and eternal God, you are the creator of a magnificent universe. Hold this world in the arms of your care, heal the damage we have done, may we have the moral and political will to prevent further damage and preserve your creation and bring all things to fulfillment in you.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray for the leaders and people of all nations:

Almighty and eternal God, you are the champion of the poor and the oppressed. In your goodness, give wisdom to those in authority so that people here in our nation and every nation may enjoy justice, peace, freedom, and a share in the goodness of your creation. We pray especially for an end to the war in Ukraine and Gaza.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray for all who suffer or are in need:

Almighty and eternal God,  
you give strength to the weary  
and new courage to those who have lost heart.  
Hear the prayers of all who call on you in any trouble  
that they may have the joy of receiving your help in their need.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

As our Savior Christ has taught us,  
we are bold to pray:

**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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into  
temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the  
kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

## Solemn Reproaches of the Cross:

This is the cross  
that held the Savior of the world.  
**Come, let us kneel before it.**

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O my people, O my church,  
what more could I have done for you?  
Answer me!

I led you out of slavery into freedom,  
and delivered you through the waters of rebirth,  
but you have made a cross for your Savior.  
**Holy God, have mercy upon us.**

### *The First Shadow*

Forty years I led you through the desert,  
feeding you with manna on the way;  
I saved you from the time of trial  
and gave you my body, the bread of heaven,  
but you have made a cross for your Savior.  
**Holy God, have mercy upon us.**

### *The Second Shadow*

I led you on your way in a pillar of cloud and fire,  
but you led me to the judgment hall of Pilate;  
I guided you by the light of the Holy Spirit,  
but you have made a cross for your Savior.  
**Holy God, have mercy upon us.**

### *The Third Shadow*

I planted you as my fairest vineyard,  
but you brought forth bitter fruit;  
I made you branches of the vine

and never left your side,  
but you have made a cross for your Savior.  
**Holy God, have mercy upon us.**

*Bible, Cup and Plate removed*

*The Fourth Shadow*

I poured out saving water from the rock,  
but you gave me vinegar to drink;  
I poured out my life  
and gave you the new covenant in my blood,  
but you have made a cross for your Savior.  
**Holy God, have mercy upon us.**

*The Fifth Shadow*

I spoke my word to you:  
The promise of my love for all;  
But you silence my prophets,  
Refusing to hear my voice;  
And you have made a cross for your Savior.  
**Holy God, have mercy upon us.**

*The Sixth Shadow*

I gave you a royal scepter,  
but you gave me a crown of thorns;  
I gave you the kingdom  
and crowned you with eternal life,  
but you have made a cross for your Savior.  
**Holy God, have mercy upon us.**

*Paraments removed*

*The Seventh Shadow*

I struck down your enemies,  
but you struck my head with a reed;  
I gave you my peace,  
but you draw the sword in my name,  
and you have made a cross for your Savior.  
**Holy God, have mercy upon us.**

*The Eighth Shadow*

I opened the waters  
to lead you to the promised land,  
but you opened my side with a spear;  
I washed your feet as a sign of my love,  
but you have made a cross for your Savior.  
**Holy God, have mercy upon us.**

*The Ninth Shadow*

I lifted you up to the heights,  
but you lifted me high on the cross;  
I raised you from death  
and prepared for you the tree of life,  
but you have made a cross for your Savior.  
**Holy God, have mercy upon us.**

*Paraments removed*

*The Tenth Shadow*

I grafted you into my people Israel,  
but you made them scapegoats for your own guilt,  
and you have made a cross for your Savior.  
**Holy God, have mercy upon us.**

*The Eleventh Shadow*

I was hungry and you gave me no food,  
thirsty and you gave me no drink,  
a stranger and you did not welcome me,  
naked and you did not clothe me,  
sick and in prison and you did not visit me,  
and you have made a cross for your Savior.  
**Holy God, have mercy upon us.**

*The Twelfth Shadow*

I poured out my life  
and gave you the new covenant in my blood,  
but you have made a cross for your Savior.  
**Holy God, have mercy upon us.**

*Paraments removed*

*The Darkness*

Choral Anthem:

*Pieta*

Joseph Martin

Solo—Amy Kilpatrick

Flute—Alex Hamilton

*In the shadow of a manger, by a candle's dancing flame,  
tender Mary holds her baby, and she breathes His holy name.*

*"Jesus rest your weary head, close your weeping eyes".*

*As evening falls, she starts to sing a lullaby.*

*"Lulay, lulay, peace be yours tonight."*

*In the shadow of the temple, in a place so far from home,  
Mary sees her child of wonder, and she marvels how He's grown.*

*"Jesus rest your weary head, and think on gentle things."*

*With loving arms she holds her Savior and she sings,*

*"Lulay, lulay, peace be yours tonight."*

*In the shadow of Golgotha, underneath a darkened sky,  
Mary gently cradles Jesus. Through her tears she says goodbye.*

*"Jesus rest your weary head. Your work on earth is done."*

*And as the darkness falls, she whispers to her son,*

*"Lulay, lulay, peace be yours tonight, peace be yours tonight."*

Benediction

*All depart in silence*

**Participating in Worship:**

The Rev. Dr. Tom Yorty

Barry Dietsch, Choral Director

Heather Dietsch, Organist & Soloist

Alex Hamilton—Flutist

Amy Kilpatrick—Soloist

Wil Weiss and Paul Woodard, Liturgists

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Perry Babcock & Xanda Weiss, Sound and Livestreaming

**Join us for Easter Worship Service  
at 8:30 and 10:30 am.**

## **Welcome Visitors**

Orchard Park Presbyterian Church (OPPC), the members and officers, welcomes you today. Your presence strengthens our faith and our commitment as Christ's disciples.

Orchard Park Presbyterian Church welcomes all who seek to follow the Way of Jesus—the way of compassion and justice—regardless of race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, or gender identification. OPPC does not discriminate on the basis of sexual orientation in celebrating the rites of marriage.

### **Orchard Park Presbyterian Church Officers and Staff**

Temporary Pastor	Rev. Dr. Tom Yorty
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Choral Director	Barry Dietsch
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Clerk of Session	Alan J. Sager
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### **Mission Statement of Orchard Park Presbyterian Church**

A thriving faith community engaged in compassionate service.

