

\* **Isaiah 53:1-3**

*Who has believed our message  
and to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?*

**He grew up before him like a tender shoot,  
and like a root out of dry ground.**

*He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him,  
nothing in his appearance that we should desire him.*

**He was despised and rejected by mankind,  
a man of suffering, and familiar with pain.**

*Like one from whom people hide their faces  
he was despised, and we held him in low esteem.*

\* **Opening Prayer**

\* **When I Survey the Wondrous Cross** #258:1,2,3 (HFG)

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.

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 to His blood.

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 Old Rugged Cross** #256:1,2,3 (HFG)

On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross,  
The emblem of suffering and shame;  
And I love that old cross where the dearest and best  
For a world of lost sinners was slain.

*Refrain:* So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,  
'Til my trophies at last I lay down;  
I will cling to the old rugged cross,  
And exchange it some day for a crown.

O, that old rugged cross, so despised by the world,  
Has a wondrous attraction for me;  
For the dear Lamb of God, left His glory above,  
To bear it to dark Calvary. *Refrain*

In the old rugged cross, stained with blood so divine,  
A wondrous beauty I see;  
For 'twas on that old cross Jesus suffered and died  
To pardon and sanctify me. *Refrain*

\* **Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed**

#274:1,2,3 (HFG)

Alas! and did my Savior bleed  
And did my Sovereign die?  
Would He devote that sacred head  
For sinners such as I?

Was it for sins that I have done  
He suffered on the tree?  
Amazing pity! Grace unknown!  
And love beyond degree!

Well might the sun in darkness hide  
And shut His glories in,  
When Christ, the great Redeemer, died  
For man the creature's sin.

**Call to Confession:** *Isaiah 53:4-6*

*Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows;  
yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.  
But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed  
for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that  
brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed.*

**Prayer of Confession**

**God of grace,  
we come before You with amazing wonder  
that we can hope in Your forgiveness.  
We are all guilty.  
We humbly come before You  
to ask forgiveness of our great and many sins,  
not just now and briefly,  
not once – but seventy times seven.  
Forgive us completely.  
Grant us Your grace to turn from our own path  
so that we may stand before You  
cleansed, forgiven and secure.  
In Your name, Amen.**

**Sacrament of the Lord's Supper**

\* **O Sacred Head, Now Wounded**

#284:1,2,3 (HFG)

O sacred Head, now wounded  
With grief and shame weighed down;  
Now scornfully surrounded  
With thorns, Thine only crown.  
How art Thou pale with anguish,  
With sore abuse and scorn;  
How does that visage languish,  
Which once was bright as morn!

What Thou, my Lord, hast suffered  
Was all for sinners' gain;  
Mine, mine was the transgression,  
But Thine the deadly pain.  
Lo, here I fall, my Savior; 'tis I deserve Thy place.  
Look on me with Thy favor; vouch-safe to me Thy grace.

What language shall I borrow  
To thank Thee, dearest Friend,  
For this, Thy dying sorrow, Thy pity without end?  
O make me Thine forever; and, should I fainting be,  
Lord, let me never, never outlive my love to Thee.

\* **Scripture:** *Matthew 26:31-46 (ESV)* pg. 1039

<sup>31</sup> Then Jesus said to them, "You will all fall away because of me this night. For it is written, 'I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.' <sup>32</sup> But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee." <sup>33</sup> Peter answered him, "Though they all fall away because of you, I will never fall away." <sup>34</sup> Jesus said to him, "Truly, I tell you, this very night, before the rooster crows, you will deny me three times." <sup>35</sup> Peter said to him, "Even if I must die with you, I will not deny you!" And all the disciples said the same.

<sup>36</sup> Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to his disciples, "Sit here, while I go over there and pray." <sup>37</sup> And taking with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, he began to be sorrowful and troubled. <sup>38</sup> Then he said to them, "My soul is very sorrowful, even to death; remain here, and watch with me." <sup>39</sup> And going a little farther he fell on his face and prayed, saying, "My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as you will." <sup>40</sup> And he came to the disciples and found them sleeping. And he said to Peter, "So, could you not watch with me one hour? <sup>41</sup> Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." <sup>42</sup> Again, for the second time, he went away and prayed, "My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done." <sup>43</sup> And again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. <sup>44</sup> So, leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words again. <sup>45</sup> Then he came to the disciples and said to them, "Sleep and take your rest later on. See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. <sup>46</sup> Rise, let us be going; see, my betrayer is at hand."

**Message:** *Simon bar Jonah – Monologue*

**Ministry of Music:** *Were You There*

**Moment of Silent Reflection**

(Please depart in silence.)

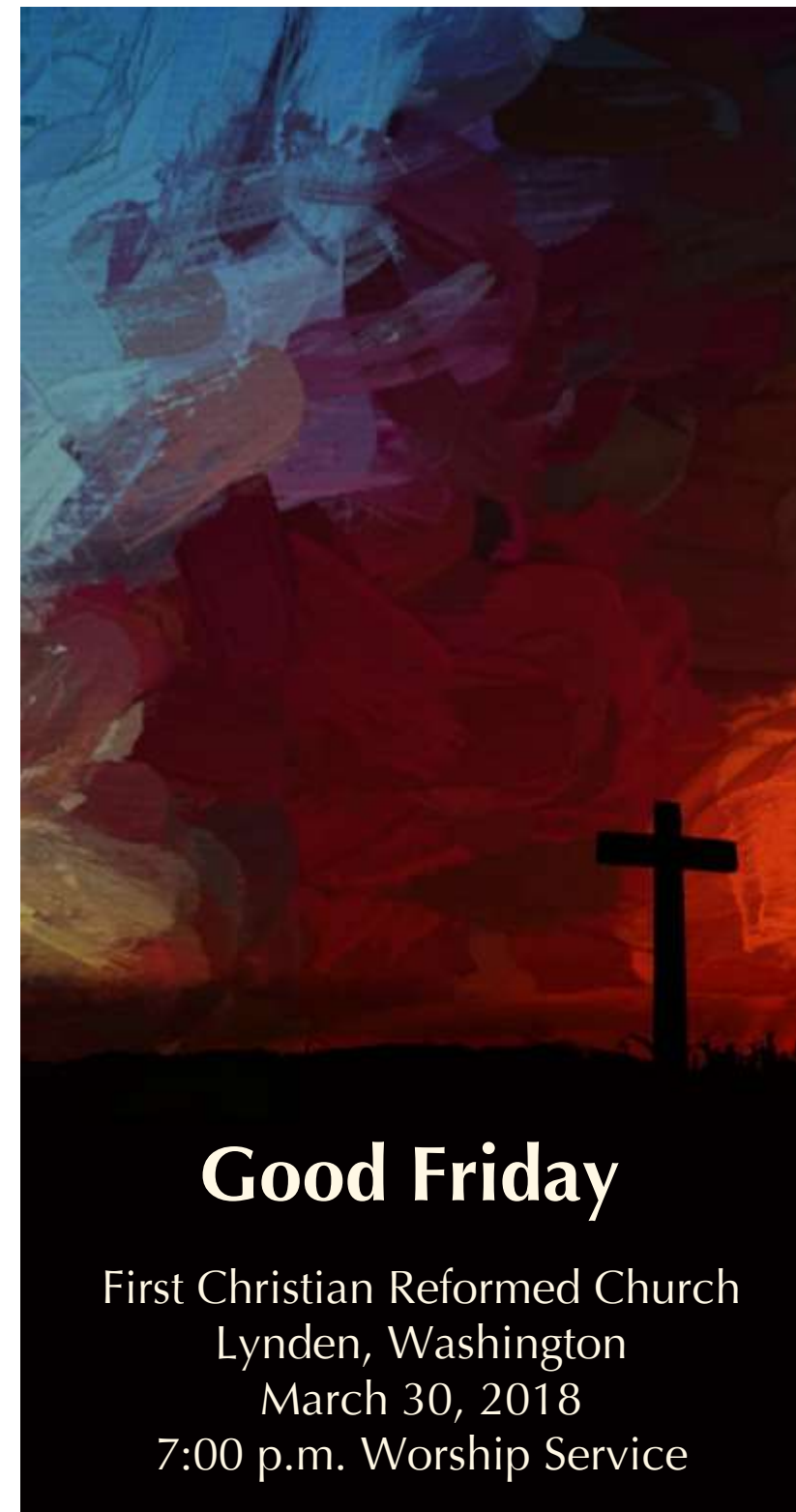
You are invited to  
celebrate the resurrection  
of our Risen Lord  
with us on  
Sunday, April 1  
at 10:30 a.m.

Worship services are broadcast live in the church basement  
for anyone who is unable to worship in the sanctuary.  
The sanctuary is equipped with an assistive listening system.  
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# Good Friday

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7:00 p.m. Worship Service