



## CARMICHAEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**April 6, 2023**

**Livestream & In-Person**

**7:00 p.m.**

PRELUDE

**"O God, Hear My Sighing"**

Johann Krebs

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Childcare is available in Room 102)

**\* CALL TO WORSHIP**

Pastor: We gather tonight to tell the old, old story.

**People: a story of bitterness and betrayal, of despair, denial and death.**

Pastor: We gather tonight to tell an even older story prepared before the worlds began:

**People: a story of love powerful enough to rewrite our endings with the promise of new life.**

Pastor: In the telling of the story, in the breaking of the bread, in the coming of the night,

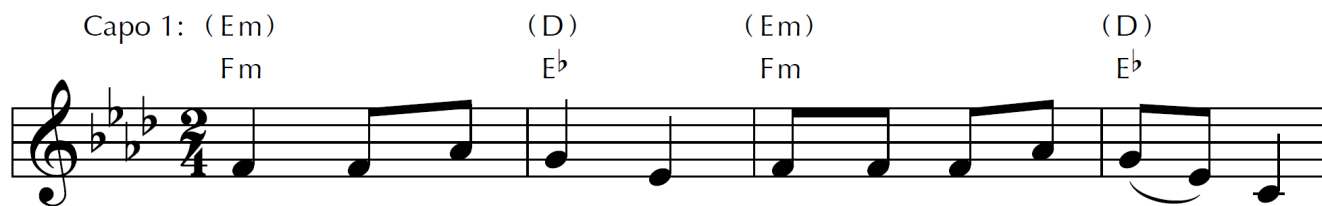
**People: we draw near once more to Christ.**

**\* SONG**

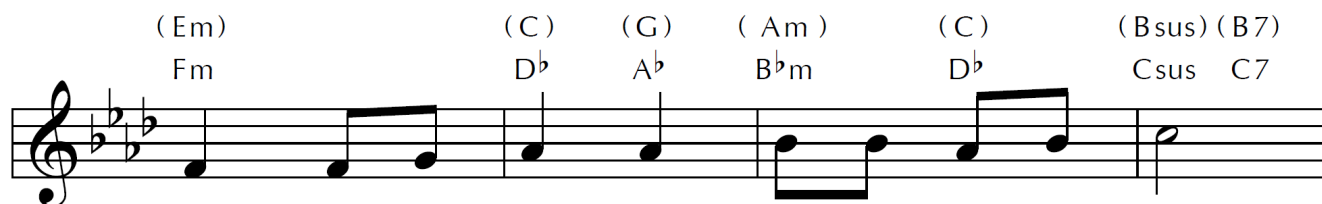
**"This is the Night"**

No. 206  
Glory to God

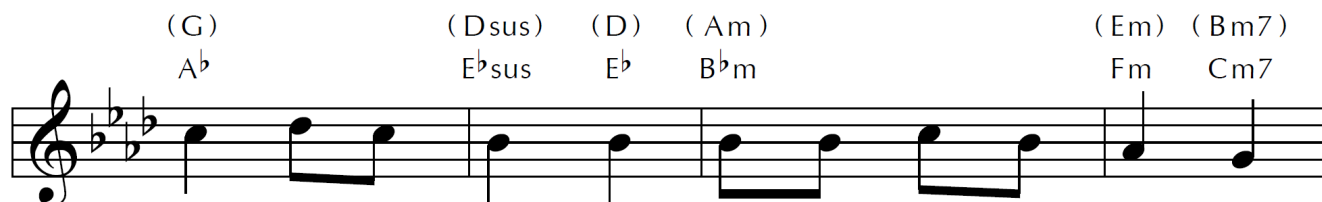
## This Is the Night



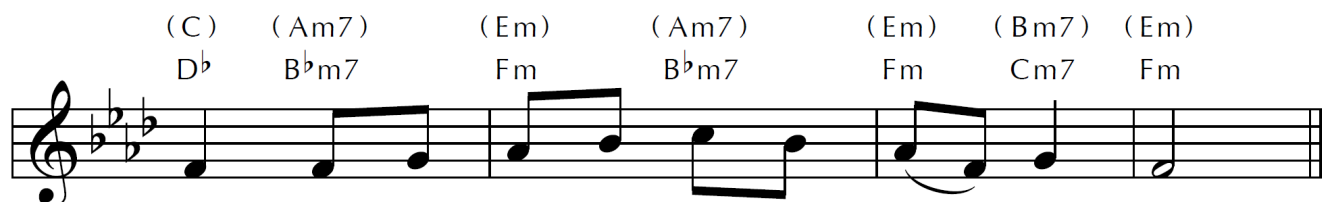
1 This is the night, dear friends, the night for weep - ing,  
 2 This night the trai - tor, wolf with - in the sheep - fold,  
 3 This night Christ in - sti - tutes his ho - ly sup - per,  
 4 This night the Lord by slaves shall be ar - rest - ed,  
 5 O make us shar - ers, Sav - ior, of your Pas - sion,



when powers of dark - ness o - ver - come the day,  
 be - trays him - self in - to his vic - tim's will,  
 blest food and drink for heart and soul and mind;  
 he who de - stroys our slav - er - y to sin;  
 that we may share your glo - ry that shall be;



the night the faith - ful mourn the weight of e - vil  
 the Lamb of God for sac - ri - fice pre - par - ing:  
 this night in - jus - tice joins its hand to trea - son's,  
 ac - cused of crime, to crim - i - nals be giv - en,  
 let us pass through these three dark nights of sor - row



where - by our sins the Son of Man be - tray.  
 sin brings a - bout the cure for sin's own ill.  
 and buys the ran - som - price of hu - man - kind.  
 that judg - ment on the righ - teous Judge be - gin.  
 to Eas - ter's laugh - ter and its lib - er - ty.

DRAMA PRESENTATION

**Who Is Judas Iscariot?**

Written & Directed by Karen Orlando

Beth Lindley

Rodney Dahlberg

Todd Leslie

Garrett Torgerson

*(Note: this is a work of fiction and only speculation  
based on the author's interpretation of biblical accounts.)*

SONG

**"Let Us Break Bread Together"**

No. 525  
Glory to God

1 Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees; (on our knees)  
2 Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees; (on our knees)  
3 Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees; (on our knees)

let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees. (on our knees)  
let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees. (on our knees)  
let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees. (on our knees)

*Refrain*

When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing sun,

O Lord, have mer - cy on me. (on me)

## INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Pastor: We stand at this table because it is an echo of another table: that table in an upper room in Jerusalem where Jesus sat with his 12 friends, friends who would betray, deny and fall away from him, friends he loved and laid down his life for. The story of God is always the story of faithfulness, of going through the hard times together, of God's "yes" being louder than all our "maybes."

We remember how it all started, when God created the world, every precious beautiful bit of creation, God's own artwork, including us: but we rebelled, and did the one thing we were asked not to do and we hid from God in the garden. We were cast out of that garden, but not away from God's heart.

When we were slaves in Egypt, God rescued us, fed us with manna in the wilderness, and brought forth water from the rock. God was faithful to us while we made idols and broke commandments.

Again and again God said, "I am your God, and you are my people." God sent us prophets to call out our disobedience, and to promise us that God is faithful still.

In time, Christ came to walk among us, to show us just how far God would go to prove God's love for us. Christ read to us, sang with us, healed us, fed us, prayed for us, cast demons out of us, grew tired like us, and at the end – at the very end – gave us one last gift.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Pastor: During that last supper, Jesus took the bread, broke it and blessed it, saying, "this bread is my body, broken for you, whenever you eat it, remember me."

And after supper Jesus took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant sealed with my blood, poured out for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, remember me."

We share in the bread and cup, tokens of God's everlasting faithfulness. We pray that the Spirit would be poured out on them, to make this simple meal something holy, something to nourish and sustain our faith, something that still tastes like hope. Friends, this is the bread of life and the cup of salvation, for you. Taste and see that the Lord is good.

## \* COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

***(Wherever you are, in the Sanctuary or at home,  
you are invited to partake of the bread and the cup.  
If you are worshipping in person, please come down the center aisle to receive  
the communion elements; partake and return to your seat using the side aisles.  
Ushers will bring communion to the seats of those who cannot come forward.)***

## COMMUNION INTERLUDE

**"Just As I Am"**

Dale Wood

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*The Book of Common Worship*

Pastor: God of grace, we give you thanks for the feast of redemption we have shared in the body and blood of our Savior. As you have nourished us with love, let our lives proclaim your great love for the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.



## WE JOIN WITH JESUS IN PRAYER

Pastor: Jesus prayed. He prayed to his Abba, the Father he knew and loved, because he was hurting and sad and afraid and because he trusted. So we pray with Jesus. I invite you during the pauses to simply offer the names of those you are praying for in silence. After each pause, I will say "in your love, Lord," and you will respond, "hear our prayers."

Lord, in this garden, as night falls around us, we pray.

We pray for those who are exhausted, out of energy, out of hope, out of faith or out of tries. We pray for those who are exhausted.

*Silence*

Pastor: In your love, Lord,

**People: hear our prayers.**

Pastor: We pray for those who are anxious, uncertain of the future, wary of the present, with hearts and minds that cannot find rest. We pray for those who are anxious.

*Silence*

Pastor: In your love, Lord,

**People: hear our prayers.**

Pastor: We pray for those who despair, for whom the night has been too long, the grief too heavy, and the comfort too shallow. We pray for those who despair.

*Silence*

Pastor: In your love, Lord,

**People: hear our prayers.**

Pastor: We pray for those in pain tonight, whether of body, mind or soul. We pray for those in need of your healing touch. We pray for those in pain.

*Silence*

Pastor: In your love, Lord,

**People: hear our prayers.**

Pastor: We pray for those who are too close to death tonight, whether they are entering your rest, or grieving someone gone, or haunted by what they have seen. We pray for those who are too close to death.

*Silence*

Pastor: In your love, Lord,

**People: hear our prayers.**

Pastor: And Lord, we pray for ourselves, that we would have the strength to stay awake just a little longer, to stick by those we love, to take notice of the suffering, to trust that we are enough. Jesus did not ask his friends to change his fate, only to stay with him; to stay with him as he met it.

In your love, Lord, fill us with the kind of love that sticks around, even while night is falling.

And finally, give us courage to pray as Jesus taught those same disciples, saying,

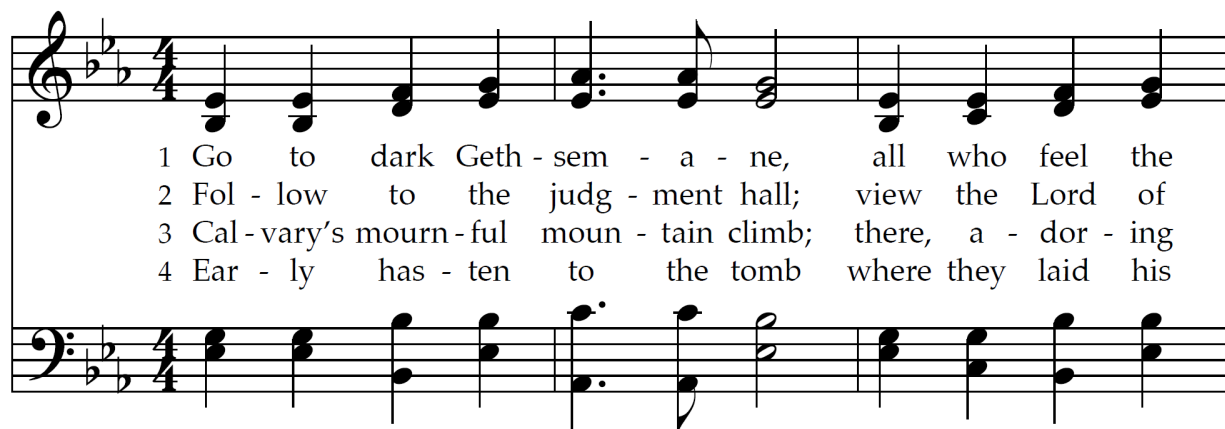
**All: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the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

\* SONG

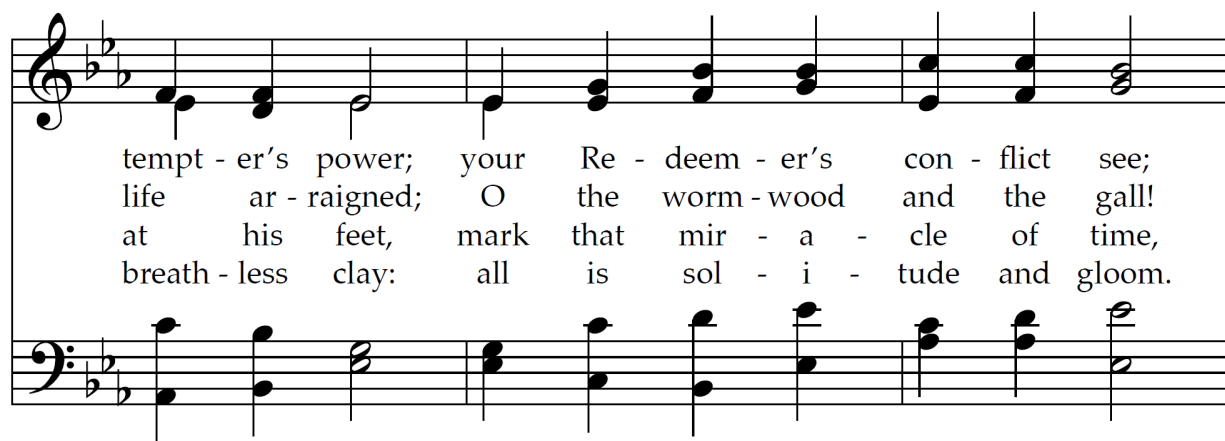
**"Go to Dark Gethsemane"**  
(verses 1, 2 & 3)

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*Glory to God*

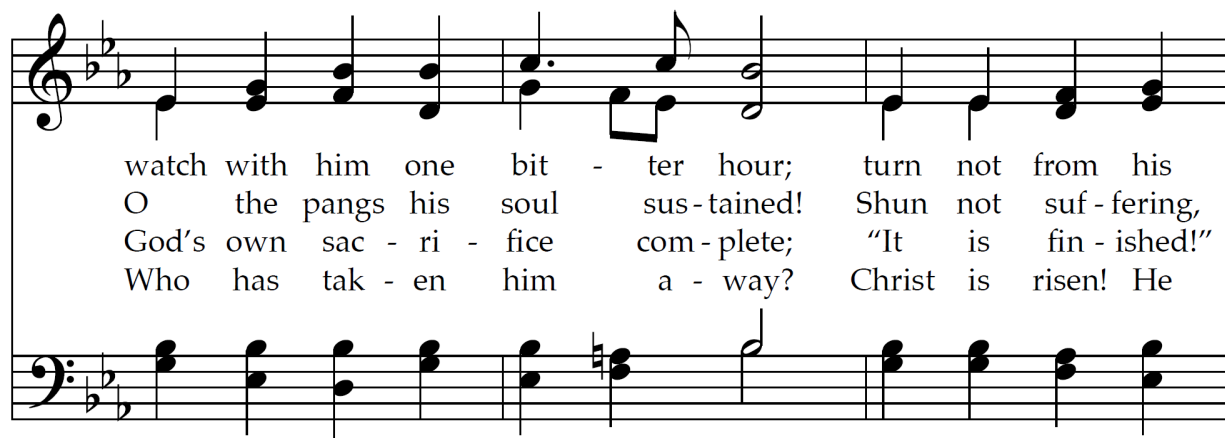
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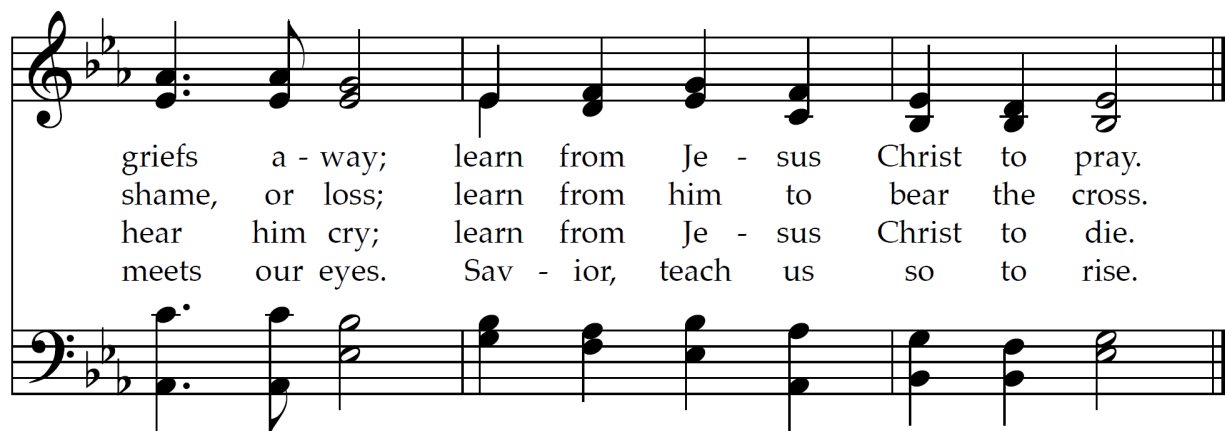
1 Go to dark Geth - sem - a - ne, all who feel the  
 2 Fol - low to the judg - ment hall; view the Lord of  
 3 Cal - vary's mourn - ful moun - tain climb; there, a - dor - ing  
 4 Ear - ly has - ten to the tomb where they laid his



tempt - er's power; your Re - deem - er's con - flict see;  
 life ar - raigned; O the worm - wood and the gall!  
 at his feet, mark that mir - a - cle of time,  
 breath - less clay: all is sol - i - tude and gloom.



watch with him one bit - ter hour; turn not from his  
 O the pangs his soul sus - tained! Shun not suf - fering,  
 God's own sac - ri - fice com - plete; "It is fin - ished!"  
 Who has tak - en him a - way? Christ is risen! He



griefs a - way; learn from Je - sus Christ to pray.  
 shame, or loss; learn from him to bear the cross.  
 hear him cry; learn from Je - sus Christ to die.  
 meets our eyes. Sav - ior, teach us so to rise.

\* BENEDICTION

\* POSTLUDE

**"Adagio"**

Tommaso Albinoni

\* Please rise in body or in spirit.

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Guest Organist: Sue Miller

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## THE MEANING OF THE MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE

On this Holy Thursday we remember the final meal Jesus shared with his disciples on the last night of his life as he was in Jerusalem for the Passover festival.

The word "Maundy" is derived from the Latin word for "mandate" and refers to the scripture in John 13 where Jesus says to his disciples (including us), "A new commandment (mandate) I give to you, that you love one another."

The Lord's Supper has special significance as it commemorates the last meal Jesus shared with his disciples until he ate with them in the Kingdom of God (Luke 22:16). Bread was and is a common staple of life which Jesus used as a symbol for his body, broken into pieces to demonstrate the giving of himself for others.

Wine was another common staple of life in the first century and its consumption was part of everyday life. When Jesus shares the cup, it is a symbol of his blood shed and the sacrifice of his life for all humanity.

The sharing of this very common meal was and is a way of enjoying an ongoing relationship with Jesus Christ, "For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes." (1 Corinthians 11:26)

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**Please Join Us**

**Good Friday, April 7**

**Worship Service** at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary and via Livestream at  
<https://www.youtube.com/@carmichaelpres>

**Easter Sunday, April 9**

**In-Person Sunrise Service** at 6841 Stanley Ave. at 6:30 a.m.

**Easter Worship** at 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary and via Livestream at  
<https://www.youtube.com/@carmichaelpres>



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