

## KNOX UNITED CHURCH

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### GOOD FRIDAY March 30, 2018

Please note that our sanctuary is equipped with a loop system for the hearing impaired. If you wear a hearing-aid, please turn it to the "T" position.

***Thank you for remembering that Knox strives to be a SCENT FREE ZONE***

In body or in spirit, please stand as you are able where indicated (\*)

#### CALL TO WORSHIP:

One: We gather in this place on God's Friday to ponder the death of Jesus the Christ and what it means for us.

**All: We reflect on our culture and the ways in which our shadow sides keep inflicting suffering upon the world.**

One: We recall the ways we have wounded ourselves or others by our destructive human passions.

**All: May we learn to choose instead, the more courageous path of naming and healing the darker aspects of ourselves, for the sake of "tikkum olam" -- repair of the world.**

One: In this hour, may we honour the anointed one of God who came to show us the still more excellent way of love.

**All: In this time of chaos and violence, may we learn to do what we can to confront our own inner and outer darkness, and learn to love as extravagantly as Jesus loved.**

**\*HYMN:** When I Survey the Wondrous Cross 149 VU

## CENTERING PRAYER

### THE CRUCIFIXION WHO KILLED JESUS OF NAZARETH?

Matthew 26:31-35, 69-75 (Peter)  
FEAR SPEAKS (Shirlene Donnelly)

Matthew 26:14-16, 47-50; 27:3-5 (Judas)  
GREED SPEAKS (Tom Farkus)

**\*HYMN:** Bitter Was the Night 132 VU

Matthew 26:57, 59-68 (The Religious)  
DECEIT, PRIDE AND ENVY SPEAK (Bill Laurie)

Matthew 27:11-26 (Pilate)  
POWER SPEAKS (Morganne Pickering)

**\*HYMN:** Go To Dark Gethsemane 133 VU

Matthew 27:27-37 (Soldiers)  
ANGER AND GLUTTONY SPEAK (Mary Ellen Campbell)

**\*HYMN:** O Come and Mourn with Me Awhile 136 VU

Matthew 27:38-50 (Bandits And Bystanders)  
APATHY SPEAKS (Jo Dunn)

**\*HYMN:** Beneath the Cross Of Jesus 135 VU

#### CONFESSION OF SIN: (Unison)

**God of Infinite Grace and Compassion,**

**We were not there at the crucifixion of Jesus, but we recognize that there are aspects of ourselves that contribute still to the pain of the world. Like those surrounding Jesus during his last week, we have all lived out the negative human emotions of fear and greed, envy and pride and deceit. We have struggled with power and self-centeredness, dealt with anger and sought to escape reality with addictions in various forms. We have been apathetic when we needed to be thinking more fully of the needs of others. We have needed to**

Speak up in the face of cruelty to show greater kindness and compassion. We have been stingy with our love and forgiveness when we needed to be more generous. We have let our darker human impulses reign when we needed to exercise greater self-control. Forgive us for our failings and bring us into a place of healing. In the silence, we contemplate our shortcomings, and come forward to the cross to nail those failings upon this cross, that they might die with Jesus, freeing us all to begin again, and become the people you created each of us to be. (silence)

#### **HAMMERING OF THE NAILS INTO THE CROSS**

(If so moved, come forward to hammer a nail into the cross as a sign of letting go of the shadow traits that hold you back)

\*HYMN:                      Were You There                      144 VU

#### **SEVEN LAST WORDS OF CHRIST FROM THE CROSS**

**CHOIR ANTHEM:** Even the Heavens are Weeping ...Joseph Martin

#### **EXTINGUISHING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE**

(please leave the church building in respectful silence)



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