

First Presbyterian Church, Hastings, NE Friday, March 30, 2018

Prelude

Opening Sentences

Song of Confession

Were You There?

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Confession of Sin

In this moment we gather to be reminded of the truths we are so often asked to ignore.

The truth of the ash: that we are no different in substance than all that is around us.

The truth of the meal: that we destroy the things we love most.

The truth of the garden: that we cannot face it all, alone.

The truth of the courtroom: that we shrink in fear when our witness is needed most. The truth of the cross: that in polluted waters, on frozen nights, with empty bowls, and in the ruble of war the powers of greed, control, and consumption continue to put Jesus to death.

And that we, despite our noblest of intentions and best efforts, are sometimes their best servants.

Words of Assurance

The Presence of The Cross

One: Father, Mother, sacred are you. Many: Amen. (3x) Shadow of Betrayal Matthew 26:20-25 One: Grant your presence unto us. Many: Amen. (3x) Shadow of Desertion Matthew 26:31-35 One: Break forth now into our world. Many: Amen (3x) Luke 22:39-44 Agony of the Soul One: Align our hearts to your perfect good. Many: Amen (3x) Unshared Vigil Mark 14:32-41 One: Give us only that which we need. Many: Amen (3x) "Father, the hour is come" John 17:1-6 One: Help us tend to others as well. Many: Amen. (3x) "That they may all be one" John 17:15-23 One: Please forgive us all of our sins. Many: Amen. (3x) Arrest in the Garden John 18:1-5 One: May your mercy flow through our lives. Many: Amen. (3x) Shadow of the Cross Mark 15:16-20 One: Be my strength when I am weak. Many: Amen. (3x) The Word was God John 1:1-4, 14, 10, 12; 3:19, paraphrased One: Lord I swear to none but you. Many: Amen. (3x)

Time of Silence

Hymn of Hope

Who Knows?

D. Heitmann

At the conclusion of the final hymn the Christ Candle will be relit to signify our hope in the resurrection. Please depart in silence and hope; trusting that in God death and destruction are not the final words.

COME JOIN US FOR WORSHIP THIS HOLY WEEK AND INVITE YOUR NEIGHBORS, FAMILY AND FRIENDS

EASTER MORNING:

10:30AM – TRADITIONAL SERVICE, CHOIR, BELLS, BRASS ENSEMBLE, ORGAN AND THE "HALLELUJAH CHORUS" FROM HANDEL'S MESSIAH

