

SERVICE OF GUIDED PRAYER AND REFLECTION

April 6, 12 p.m.

Rev. Eunice McGarrahan; Roderick Gorby, Organ;
Vonda Barnhart, Soloist; Ben Bubeck, Cello

ORGAN PRELUDE, **Meditation on “Aberystwyth”**

Gorby

CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: Blessed be the name of the Lord our God,

People: Who redeems us from sin and death.

Minister: For us and for our salvation, Christ became obedient unto death, even death on a cross.

People: Blessed be the Name of the Lord.

WELCOME

HYMN OF CONFESSION AND REFLECTION, “Depth of Mercy”

Depth of mercy! Can there be mercy still reserved for me?
Can my God His wrath forbear, me, the chief of sinners, spare?
I have long withstood His grace, long provoked Him to His face,
Would not hearken to His calls, grieved Him by a thousand falls.

What things in your life trouble your soul and cause you to question God’s love for you?

I my master have denied, I afresh have crucified,
And profaned His hallowed name, put Him to an open shame.
There for me the Savior stands, shows His wounds and spreads His hands.
God is love! I know, I feel; Jesus weeps and loves me still.

What does it mean to you, in all your sin and rebellion, that though God grieves, HE loves you still?

If I rightly read Thy heart, if Thou all compassion art,
Bow Thine ear, in mercy bow, pardon and accept me now.
Now incline me to repent, let me now my sins lament,
Now my foul revolt deplore, weep, believe, and sin no more.

Ask the Lord, by the power of His Holy Spirit, to enable you to understand His sacrifice and rest in His Love.

PRAYER OF ST. BONAVENTURE

O Lord, Holy Father, show us what kind of man it is who is hanging for our sakes on the cross, whose suffering causes the rocks themselves to crack and crumble with compassion, whose death brings the dead back to life. Let my heart crack and crumble at the sight of Him. Let my soul break apart with compassion for His suffering. Let it be shattered with grief at my sins for which He dies. And finally, let it be softened with devoted love for Him. Amen.

HEARING AND REFLECTING ON GOD’S WORD, Luke 22:7–23

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD, "How Beautiful"

Twila Paris

How beautiful the hands that served
the wine and the bread and the sons of the earth.
How beautiful the feet that walked
the long dusty roads and the hills to the cross.
How beautiful is the body of Christ.

How beautiful the heart that bled
that took all my sin and bore it instead.
How beautiful the tender eyes
that chose to forgive and never despise.
How beautiful is the body of Christ.

And as He laid down His life
we offer this sacrifice
that we will live just as He died:
willing to pay the price.

How beautiful the radiant Bride
who waits for her Groom with His light in her eyes.
How beautiful when humble hearts give
the fruit of pure lives so that others may live.
How beautiful is the body of Christ.

How beautiful the feet that bring
the sound of good news and the love of the King.
How beautiful the hands that serve
the wine and the bread and the sons of the earth.
How beautiful is the body of Christ.

COMMUNION

CLOSING PRAYER AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE, **“Sweet Hour of Prayer”**

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