

The Order for the Worship of God

Let the first tone of the organ be a call to quiet meditation in which all may become aware of God's presence, and lift up a prayer for yourself and for Faith Church.

Prelude

Parker Wicker

Welcome and Greeting

Preparation of Our Hearts

† Call to Worship

† Opening Hymn

#428 O Worship the King
(Gray Psalter Hymnal)

Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon

Front of the Gray Psalter Hymnal

Prayer for Illumination

Michael Bergmann

Old Testament Reading

Micah 3:1-3, 9-12 (NRSV)

¹And I said:

Listen, you heads of Jacob

and rulers of the house of Israel!

Should you not know justice?—

²you who hate the good and love the evil,

who tear the skin off my people,
and the flesh off their bones;
³who eat the flesh of my people,
flay their skin off them,
break their bones in pieces,
and chop them up like meat in a kettle,
like flesh in a cauldron.

⁹Hear this, you rulers of the house of Jacob
and chiefs of the house of Israel,
who abhor justice
and pervert all equity,

¹⁰who build Zion with blood
and Jerusalem with wrong!

¹¹Its rulers give judgement for a bribe,
its priests teach for a price,
its prophets give oracles for money;
yet they lean upon the Lord and say,
'Surely the Lord is with us!
No harm shall come upon us.'

¹²Therefore because of you
Zion shall be ploughed as a field;
Jerusalem shall become a heap of ruins,
and the mountain of the house a wooded height.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God for His Word.

Choral Anthem

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

Garrett Parker

What a friend we have in Jesus
all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
ev'rything to God in prayer.

Oh, what peace we often forfeit,
oh, what needless pain we bear,
all because we do not carry
ev'rything to God in prayer

Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged;
take it to the Lord in prayer.

Can we find a friend so faithful,
who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness;
take it to the Lord in prayer.

Children's Sermon

† Hymn

There Is a Fountain

(Insert)

New Testament Reading

John 19:4-16a

⁴Pilate went out again and said to them, 'Look, I am bringing him out to you to let you know that I find no case against him.' ⁵So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them, 'Here is the man!' ⁶When the chief priests and the police saw him, they shouted, 'Crucify him! Crucify him!' Pilate said to them, 'Take him yourselves and crucify him; I find no case against him.' ⁷The Jews answered him, 'We have a law, and according to that law he ought to die because he has claimed to be the Son of God.'

⁸Now when Pilate heard this, he was more afraid than ever. ⁹He entered his headquarters again and asked Jesus, 'Where are you from?' But Jesus gave him no answer. ¹⁰Pilate therefore said to him, 'Do you refuse to speak to me? Do you not know that I have power to release you, and power to crucify you?' ¹¹Jesus answered him, 'You would have no power over me unless it had been given you from above; therefore the one who handed me over to you is guilty of a greater sin.' ¹²From then on Pilate tried to release him, but the Jews cried out, 'If you release this man, you are no friend of the emperor. Everyone who claims to be a king sets himself against the emperor.'

¹³When Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus outside and sat on the judge's bench at a place called The Stone Pavement, or in Hebrew Gabbatha.

¹⁴Now it was the day of Preparation for the Passover; and it was about noon. He said to the Jews, 'Here is your King!' ¹⁵They cried out, 'Away with him! Away with him! Crucify him!' Pilate asked them, 'Shall I crucify your King?' The chief priests answered, 'We have no king but the emperor.' ¹⁶Then he handed him over to them to be crucified.

Gathering of Our Tithes and Offerings

† Response # 638 The Doxology (Gray Psalter Hymnal)

† Prayer of Dedication

† **Communion Hymn** #244 God Himself Is With Us
(Gray Psalter Hymnal)

Communion

† Prayer of Thanksgiving

Invitation to the Table

Giving & Receiving the Bread and the Cup

The communion bread served this morning is both gluten and nut-free. The inside cups are white grape juice; the outer cups contain wine. If you wish to be served in your seat, please raise your hand and a Communion Elder will assist you.

† **Prayer of Consecration**

Almighty Lord: we are thankful for all the benefits given us in this bread and wine, this body and blood. As the grain was harvested and the grapes gathered for this food, so may your church in every place be gathered into your household. And as the grain was ground and the grapes crushed, so may our lives be spent in your service, until you return in triumph to gather

to yourself the harvest and call us to the marriage feast of the lamb. Amen.

† Closing Hymn

#67 O Great God
(Supplemental Hymnal)

† Announcements

† Benediction

Postlude