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Mid-week Lenten Service

April 9, 2025

** All who are able please stand*

L: Leader; P: People

PRELUDE

Accompanist: Nicole Burdick

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Let us contemplate Jesus the Lord: Instead of the joy meant for him, he endured the cross, disregarding its disgrace.

P: We worship you, Lord.

L: O Jesus Christ, born in humility to confound the proud and to raise the humble:

P: We worship you, Lord.

L: You lived among us, healing the sick, proclaiming good news to the poor and freedom to prisoners.

P: We worship you, Lord.

L: You came to unbind the chains of every slavery, O friend of the humble, bread of hungry hearts.

P: We worship you, Lord.

L: Jesus, full of patience and goodness, you showed forgiveness and kindness to the very end.

P: We worship you, Lord.

L: Jesus, gentle and humble of heart, you call to yourself all who are weary and burdened.

P: We worship you, Lord.

L: Jesus, you came into the world to serve and to give your life; you were betrayed for money, dragged before judges, and nailed to a cross.

P: We worship you, Lord.

*HYMN: "Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

R241/Insert

OPENING PRAYER

ALL: God of all hope, we gather today so deeply aware of the world's grief and pain—and our own. Comfort us, we pray, with the sure knowledge that our Lenten journey culminates in Easter joy. Amen.

WITNESS OF FAITH: 1 Timothy: 6:2b-21

CALL TO CONFESSION

L: Christ himself bore our sins in his body on the tree that we might die to sins and live for righteousness. By his wounds we are healed. Let us confess our sins.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ALL: If you, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand? But with you there is forgiveness; therefore, you are feared. I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word, I put my hope. My soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen wait for the morning, more than watchmen wait for the morning. Almighty God, our Redeemer, in our weakness we have failed to be your messengers of forgiveness and hope. Renew us by your Holy Spirit, that we may follow your commands and proclaim your reign of love, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen. [Silent Reflection]

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

L: The Lord God said: I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. Brothers and sisters: In Christ, all God's promises are "Yes." Hear the good news: Through Christ, our minds and hearts are cleansed, healed, and renewed!

P: Thanks be to God!

MEDITATION: "Final Instructions"

Rev. Mundell

HYMN: "Ah, Holy Jesus"

R128/Insert

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

L: Mighty God and Father, you overwhelm us with your great mercy. At the time of our greatest need you surprised us with your wondrous love. Jesus offered his life for us to remove our dreadful curse. As you draw us into this renewing relationship of love, may we respond with gratitude as we offer the substance of our souls to continue the ministry of Christ. For his name and glory, we pray and present our gifts.

ALL: Amen.

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

L: God of all times and places, in Jesus Christ, lifted up on the cross, you opened for us the path to eternal life. Grant that we, being born again of water and the Spirit, may joyfully serve you in newness of life and faithfully walk in your holy ways, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

P: Amen.

BENEDICTION

L: Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, who gave himself for our sins to rescue us from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, to whom be glory for ever and ever.

ALL: Amen.

*Postlude

1 Timothy: 6:2b-21

Teach and urge these duties. Whoever teaches otherwise and does not agree with the sound words of our Lord Jesus Christ and the teaching that is in accordance with godliness, is conceited, understanding nothing, and has a morbid craving for controversy and for disputes about words. From these come envy, dissension, slander, base suspicions, and wrangling among those who are depraved in mind and bereft of the truth, imagining that godliness is a means of gain. Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

Timothy, guard what has been entrusted to you. Avoid the profane chatter and contradictions of what is falsely called knowledge; by professing it some have missed the mark as regards the faith. Grace be with you.

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

ST. CHRISTOPHER 7.6.8.6.8.6.8.6.

Frederick C. Maker, 1881

Elizabeth Clephane, 1872

1. Be - neath the cross of Je - sus I fain would take my stand,
 2. Up - on that cross of Je - sus Mine eye at times can see
 3. I take, O cross, thy shad - ow For my a - bid - ing place;

The shad - ow of a might - y rock With - in a wea - ry land;
 The ver - y dy - ing form of One Who suf - ered there for me;
 I ask no oth - er sun - shine than The sun - shine of his face;

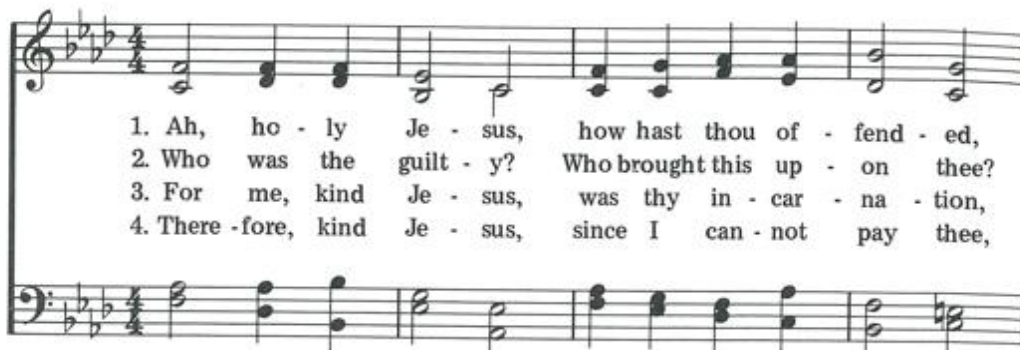
A home with - in the wil - der - ness, A rest up - on the way,
 And from my smit - ten heart with tears Two won - ders I con - fess,
 Con - tent to let the world go by, To know no gain nor loss,

From the burn - ing of the noon - tide heat And the bur - den of the day.
 The won - ders of his glo - rious love And my own worth - less - ness.
 My sin - ful self my on - ly shame, My glo - ry all the cross.

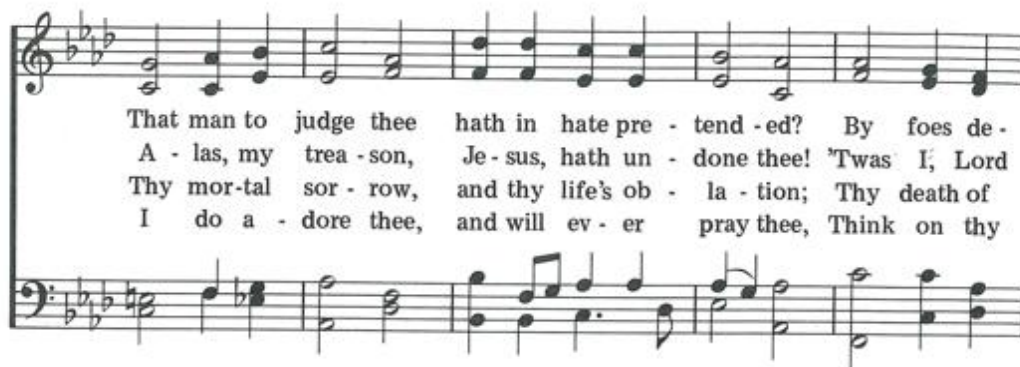
* Ah, Holy Jesus, How Hast Thou Offended

Johann Heermann, 1630
Tr. Robert S. Bridges, 1899

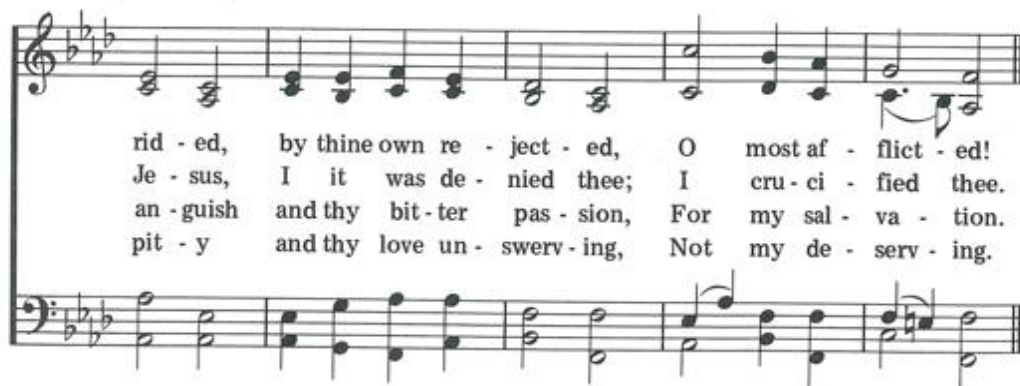
HERZLIEBSTER JESU 11.11.11.5.
Johann Crüger, 1640



1. Ah, ho - ly Je - sus, how hast thou of - fend - ed,
 2. Who was the guilt - y? Who brought this up - on thee?
 3. For me, kind Je - sus, was thy in - car - na - tion,
 4. There - fore, kind Je - sus, since I can - not pay thee,



That man to judge thee hath in hate pre - tend - ed? By foes de -
 A - las, my trea - son, Je - sus, hath un - done thee! 'Twas I, Lord
 Thy mor - tal sor - row, and thy life's ob - la - tion; Thy death of
 I do a - dore thee, and will ev - er pray thee, Think on thy



rid - ed, by thine own re - ject - ed, O most af - flict - ed!
 Je - sus, I it was de - nied thee; I cru - ci - fied thee.
 an - guish and thy bit - ter pas - sion, For my sal - va - tion.
 pit - y and thy love un - swerv - ing, Not my de - serv - ing.