



{good friday 2014}

April 18 | 6:30 p.m.

The Peoples Church of East Lansing

{order of worship}

Prelude

"O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"

Dietrich Buxtehude

Welcome to The Peoples Church!

Rev. Drew Filkins

Whether you are young or old, rich or poor, doubtful or hopeful ... no matter where you are in your faith journey, YOU are welcome here. For those with children, be assured that noises and wiggling are expected and encouraged during worship. *All are welcome in this place.*

Call to Worship (Response sung to the tune of the hymn "Were You There." No. 228)

"Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?"

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

My God, My God, why have you forsaken me?

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

I thirst!

O, sometimes, it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble!

Today, you will be with me in paradise!

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

It is finished!

Gathering Hymn

(Please stand if able.)

"Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

No. 216

Prayer of Confession

Crucified and Sovereign Jesus, we confess that we have been untrue to you. Like Peter, we have denied you, stood with our neighbors and acted as though we never knew you. You did not leave us, even when we betrayed your love and sacrifice. We break our promises, but your word is never broken. Forgive us for being weak in the face of adversity and conflict, for fleeing when the going gets tough, for forsaking you. You must have the last word – and it is "Father, forgive them."

Old Testament Reading

Psalm 22

(Pew Bible Page 547, Large Print Page 790)

Anthem

"Surely He Has Borne Our Griefs"

John Antes

Sanctuary Choir directed by Dr. Jonathan Reed

New Testament Reading

John 19:28-30

(Pew Bible Page 1,086, Large Print Page 1,650)

Sermon

"Last Words"

Rev. Drew Filkins

Prayers of the People

(During the pastoral prayer there will be a time to offer prayers of joy and concern, voiced aloud or silently for and on behalf of others.)

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Offertory

"What Wondrous Love Is This"

arr. Lani Smith

Prayer of Dedication

Precious Jesus, your children offer these gifts in response to your gift of love. May their generosity serve you and your church as you would direct. May we, like Peter, once a denier, by your grace forever forgiven, practice your love and feed your sheep. Amen.

Extinguishing of the Lenten Candles

Throughout this Lenten season we have lit these candles asking God to illuminate us to see his forgiveness and faithfulness and our need for repentance. But as Jesus cries out his final words from the cross we remember darkness is ever present and this darkness is heavy. The Light of the world was extinguished on that fateful Friday. In Christ's final moments he spoke words of comfort, compassion, grace and love while the world spat at him with vile words of hatred and brokenness. Therefore, we extinguish these candles remembering the pain, sorrow and grief experienced by Jesus and the darkness his disciples felt.

Lord, as we gaze upon the wonderful, tragic, mysterious tree may we find ourselves in awe of your overwhelming love for humanity and creation. May we listen patiently to your words and heed them. May our first and final words be like yours, full of grace and love. Amen.

Sending Hymn
(Please stand if able.)

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

No. 223

Benediction (Please stand if able.)

Benediction Response (Please stand if able.)

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

We were there.

Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

We were there.

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

We were there.

Each time, it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble!

We are there. And the last word is grace.

(Sung) **We were there when they crucified our Lord.**

Exit in Silence

{upcoming events}

EASTER SUNDAY | APRIL 20

7:00 a.m. Taize Sunrise Service, McCune Chapel

8:30 a.m. Worship Service, Main Sanctuary

10:30 a.m. Worship Service, Main Sanctuary

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE! | APRIL 23

5:30 p.m. Community Meal, Snider Social Hall

6 & 6:30 p.m. Programs for Children, Teens and Adults

MUSIC SUNDAY | APRIL 27

8:30 a.m. Worship Service, McCune Chapel

10:30 a.m. Worship Service featuring Sanctuary Choir and music from
Requiem for the Living by Dan Forrest, Main Sanctuary

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