



PRELUDE

Tom DiGiovanni

CHORAL INTROIT

"Pie Jesu"

- R. McIver

Bruce Gaston, violin; Abbie Conlon, clarinet

Translation: Merciful Jesus, grant them rest, merciful Jesus, grant them rest, merciful Jesus, grant them everlasting peace.

WELCOME

Rev. Mary Beth Mardis-LeCroy

*CALL TO WORSHIP (John 12:27-33)

Rev. Bill Cotte, Liturgist

Jesus spoke to them: "Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—'Father, save me from this hour'?"

"No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name."

Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again."

The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him."

Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine."

"Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out."

And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself."

He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

*OPENING HYMN

"What Wondrous Love is This"

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*INVITATION TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, you gave your Son to suffer the shame of the cross. Save us from hardness of heart, that, seeing him who died, we may repent. Forgive us for crucifying him over and over when we do not love you, and do not love our neighbors as ourselves. Open us up to receive your overflowing love and undeserved mercy in Jesus Christ our Lord, in whom we pray these things.

*SILENT CONFESSION

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

CHORAL ANTHEM

"Agnus Dei"

- R. Dilworth

Translation: Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Draw us close, Holy Spirit, as the Scripture is read and your Word proclaimed. Let the word of faith be on our lips and in our hearts, and let all other words slip away. In Jesus we pray, Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

***HYMN** *"Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed"* # 78

SERMON *"Only the Suffering God Can Help"* Rev. Mardis-LeCroy

ANTHEM *"Open Unto Me"* -T. DiGiovanni (arr)
H. Thurman (words), R. Bruxvort-Colligan (tune)

SOLEMN REPROACHES OF THE CROSS

Please sing with the choir: ***Holy God, Holy and mighty, Holy immortal one, have mercy on us.***

SILENCE

***CLOSING HYMN** *"Lamb of God"* # 2113

***BENEDICTION**

CHORAL BENEDICTION *"Man of Sorrows"* -P. Bliss & H. Sorenson

POSTLUDE

Thank you to our guest musicians: Bruce Gaston on violin and Abbie Conlon on clarinet.

Bruce Gaston has been playing violin for 61 years. His father was a violinist and music teacher and started him on the instrument as a youngster. In addition to playing at OGPC, Bruce has played numerous shows in the Lehigh Valley over the course of thirty years. His acoustic violin was made in Frankfurt, Germany, in 1921, by Wilhelm Albin Kessler. His electric violin is a Cantini, which is an Italian creation.

Abbie Conlon is an Elder at OGPC and teaches high school special education at North Hunterdon High School. She enjoys staying active, cracking jokes, and seeing all of the smiling faces each week at OGPC. She is happy to be picking back up the clarinet after many years of retirement!



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