

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH of SEBASTIAN



"A time is coming, and has come, when you will be scattered, each to his own home. You will leave me all alone. Yet I am not alone, for my Father is with me." John 16:31-32

CALL TO WORSHIP & OPENING PRAYER

***HYMN:** "My Song Is Love Unknown"

LOVE UNKNOWN

My song is love unknown, my savior's love to me,
Love to the loveless shown that they might lovely be.
O who am I that for my sake
my Lord should take frail flesh, and die?

Christ came from heaven's throne salvation to bestow,
But people scorned and none the longed-for Christ would know.
But O my friend, my friend indeed,
who at my need his life did spend!

They rise, and needs will have my dear Lord made away;
A murderer they save, the prince of life they slay.
Yet steadfast he to suffering goes,
that he his foes from thence might free.

CALL TO CONFESSION: Mark 14:27-31

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*in unison*):

O Lord, on this night long ago your disciples blew it. We, too, have blown it. You didn't say to them or us, "I'm done with you!" Forgive us and stick with us in your redeeming way.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON: Romans 7:24-8:1

LESSONS IN SCRIPTURE & HYMNS

MUSIC MEDITATION

SCRIPTURE READING: Exodus 12:2-4, 11-14

HYMN: "'Twas on That Night"

ROCKINGHAM

'Twas on that night when doomed to know
the eager rage of every foe,
That night in which He was betrayed,
the Savior of the world took bread.

SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 26:17-20

HYMN: "'Twas on That Night"

ROCKINGHAM

My broken body thus I give for you,
for all. Take, eat, and live.
And oft the sacred rite renew
that brings my saving love to view.

SCRIPTURE READING: John 13:3-9, 12-17

HYMN: "'Twas on That Night"

ROCKINGHAM

My blood I thus pour forth," He cries,
To cleanse the soul in sin that lies;
In this the covenant is sealed,
and heaven's eternal grace revealed.

WORD & SACRAMENT

MEDITATION: "Lead Us Not Into Temptation"

OFFERTORY & GIVING OF OUR HEARTS & TITHES

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Please come forward if you able. First, join your thumbprint to the table and then taking the cube of bread, dip in the cup, and eat. Come be the center aisle and return by the side aisle. If you are unable to come forward, the officiants will bring the elements to you.

HOMILY ENACTED: "Were You There When They Did A Funeral for My Lord?"

***HYMN** "Go to Dark Gethsemane"

LARGER

Go to dark Gethsemane,
All who feel the tempter's power;
Your Redeemer's conflict see,
Watch with Him one bitter hour;
Turn not from His griefs away,
Learn from Jesus Christ to pray.

Follow to the judgment hall;
View the Lord of life arraigned;
O the wormwood and the gall!
O the pangs His soul sustained!
Shun not suffering, shame, or loss;
Learn from Christ to bear the cross.

Calvary's mournful mountain climb;
There adoring at His feet,
mark the miracle of time,
God's own sacrifice complete;
"It is finished!" hear Him cry;
Learn from Jesus Christ to die.

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Matthew 26:31, 36

***HYMN #93:** "Ah, Holy Jesus"

HERZLIEBSTER JESU

Ah, holy Jesus, how have you offended,
That mortal judgment has on you descended?
By foes derided, by your own rejected,
O most afflicted!

Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon you?
It is my treason, Lord, that has undone you.
'Twas I, Lord Jesus, I it was denied you;
I crucified you.

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Mark 14:41b-50

***HYMN #93:** "Ah, Holy Jesus"

HERZLIEBSTER JESU

For me, dear Jesus, was your incarnation,
Your mortal sorrow, and your life's oblation,
Your death of anguish and your bitter passion,
for my salvation.

Therefore, dear Jesus, since I cannot pay You,
I do adore You, and will ever praise You,
Think on your pity and your love unswerving,
not my deserving.

EXTINGUISHING THE LIGHTS

*There is no benediction tonight. There is no good" (bene)
"saying" (diction) on a night when Jesus is betrayed and goes
into anguish because of our sinful ways.*

*The congregation is asked to leave the sanctuary in silence and
to refrain from speaking as you leave the premises.*

The sanctuary will be open on **Good Friday**, April 18, from
12 noon to 1 p.m. for a guided time of silent meditation.

Easter Sunday Worship:

Sunrise Service 7:00 a.m. on the east lawn and 10 a.m. in the sanc-
tuary/online. We do ask as many members as are able to park at a
distance from the sanctuary, to do so. This gives our elderly and
visitors convenient parking. Thank you.