

# West River United Church

Rev. Austin Jagoe

Good Friday Worship Service, April 3rd, 2015

## THE SEVEN LAST WORDS

A Tennebrae Service

MUSICAL PRELUDE

WORDS OF WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP (ISAIAH 53: 1-3) *(projected)*

HYMN VU 136 – 'O Come and Mourn with Me Awhile' *(projected)*

PRAYER OF INVOCATION *(projected)*

### THE SEVEN LAST WORDS OF JESUS

#### THE FIRST WORD (LUKE 23: 33-34)

When they came to the place called "The Skull", they nailed Jesus to the cross there, and the two criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Jesus said "Forgive them, Father! They do not know what they are doing."

MEDITATION ON THE FIRST WORD

EXTINGUISHING THE CANDLE *(projected)*

HYMN VU 147 VS 1-2 – 'What Wondrous Love Is This' *(projected)*

#### THE SECOND WORD (LUKE 23: 39-43)

One of the criminals hanging there threw insults at him: "Aren't you the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" The other one, however, rebuked him, saying: "Don't you fear God? Here we are all under the same sentence. Ours, however, is only right, for we are getting what we deserve for what we did; but he has done no wrong." And he said to Jesus, "Remember me, Jesus, when you come as King!" Jesus said to him, "I tell you this: Today you will be in Paradise with me."

MEDITATION ON THE SECOND WORD

EXTINGUISHING THE CANDLE *(projected)*

MINISTRY OF MUSIC 'Beneath His Cross' (*projected*)

**THE THIRD WORD** (JOHN 19: 25-27) (*projected*)

Standing close to Jesus' cross were his mother, his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. Jesus saw his mother and the disciple he loved standing there; so he said to his mother, "Woman, here is your son." Then he said to the disciple, "Here is your mother." And from that time the disciple took her to live in his home.

MEDITATION ON THE THIRD WORD

EXTINGUISHING THE CANDLE (*projected*)

HYMN VU 143 VS 1-3 – 'My Song is Love Unknown' (*projected*)

**THE FOURTH WORD** (MARK 15: 33-34) (*projected*)

And when the sixth hour had come, there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour. And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, "Elo-i, elo-i, lama sabach-thani?" which means, "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?"

MEDITATION ON THE FOURTH WORD

EXTINGUISHING THE CANDLE (*projected*)

HYMN VU 142 – 'Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross' (*projected*)

**THE FIFTH WORD** (JOHN 19: 28) (*projected*)

After this Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the scripture), "I thirst."

MEDITATION ON THE FIFTH WORD

EXTINGUISHING THE CANDLE (*projected*)

HYMN VU 149 VS 1-2 – 'When I Survey the Wondrous Cross' (*projected*)

**THE SIXTH WORD** (JOHN 19: 29-30) (*projected*)

A bowl was there, full of cheap wine mixed with vinegar, so a sponge was soaked in it, put on stalk of hyssop and lifted up to his lips. When Jesus had received the wine, he said, "It is finished".

MEDITATION ON THE SIXTH WORD

EXTINGUISHING THE CANDLE (*projected*)

HYMN VU 149 VS 3-4 - 'When I Survey the Wondrous Cross' (*projected*)

**THE SEVENTH WORD** (LUKE 23:46) (*projected*)

Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, "Father, into thy hands I commit my spirit!" And having said this he breathed his last.

MEDITATION ON THE SEVENTH WORD

EXTINGUISHING THE CANDLE (*projected*)

SILENT MEDITATION

HYMN VU 152 – 'There Is A Green Hill Far Away' (*projected*)

RESPONSIVE READING (ISAIAH 53: 4-6, 9)

ONE: Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows,  
yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God and afflicted.

**ALL: But he was wounded for our transgressions and he was bruised for our iniquities. Upon him was the chastisement that made us whole.**

ONE: All we like sheep have gone astray; each of us has turned to our own way; and the Lord has laid upon him the iniquity of us all.

**ALL: He was assigned a grave with the wicked and with the rich in his death, although he had done no violence nor was any deceit in his mouth.**

HYMN VU 144 VS 1-2– 'Were You There' (*projected*)

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

ONE: Lord God, you have given us everything.

**ALL: You have not held anything back.**

ONE: Help us in like manner to give of ourselves

**ALL: Sanctify us Christ's name.**

**Bless us and all that we think, feel, say, and do that we,  
like Jesus, may be a blessing unto others.**

ONE: We ask this and all things that we ask of you through him,  
saying the prayer that he taught us...

**ALL: Our Father...**

HYMN VU 144 vs 3-5– 'Were You There' (*projected*)

BENEDICTION

ONE: Depart now in peace - and may the Spirit of Christ, go with you,  
may his faith and trust abide within you, and may the knowledge  
of his love support you both now and forevermore.