



## **BARNES COUNTY MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION**

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*We acknowledge and give thanks for the members of the Barnes County Ministerial Association who lead our service today: Victoria Hammel and Rev. Roxanne Rogers (Congregational, UCC), Rev. Bryce Blank (Epworth, UMC), Rev. Foster Beckstrand (Dazey, Assembly of God), Rev. Diane Krumm (Trinity Lutheran, ELCA), and Rev. Jared Carson (Our Savior's Lutheran, ELCA).*

#### **GATHERING**

*All gather in silence.*

God be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us pray.

**Gracious God, you give us the sun to illumine the day and moon and stars to shine by night. Kindle in us the flame of your love that our lives may shed abroad the radiance of your light and the world may be full of the splendor of your glory; through Jesus Christ, the Sun of Righteousness. Amen.**

#### **LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES**

**OPENING HYMN** \*(please rise in body or spirit)      **“Joyous Light of Glory”**      **#229**

#### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Brothers and sisters, we are called to be people of the day and not of the night. **Let us approach the throne of grace and confess our sin in the presence of God and one another, that we may receive mercy.**

*(Silence)*

Let us pray. **Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive us and set us free from a past that we cannot change; open us to a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.**

This is the message we have heard from Christ and proclaim to you: God is light. God reaches out to heal and revive us and to reveal the love that will not let us go. By grace you have been redeemed. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. **Amen.**

**HYMN**      **“Jesus, Remember Me” (sung 3 times)**      **#616**

#### **READINGS AND ESTINGUISHING OF THE LIGHTS**

**FIRST READING – Shadow of Betrayal – Matthew 26:20-25**

**SECOND READING – Shadow of Desertion - Matthew 26:31-35**

**THIRD READING – Agony of the Soul – Luke 22:39-44**

**FOURTH READING – Unshared Vigil – Mark 14:32-41**

**FIFTH READING – “Father, the hour has come” – John 17:1-6**

**SIXTH READING - “That they may all be one” - John 17:15-22**

**SEVENTH READING - Arrest in the Garden – John 18:1-5**

**EIGHTH READING – Shadow of the Cross – Mark 15:16-20**

**FINAL READING – The Word was God – John 1:1-4, 10,1,14; 3:19 (paraphrased)**

**HOMILY**

*Silence for Reflection*

**HYMN\*(please rise in body or spirit) “Lamb of God, Pure and Sinless”**

**#357**

**OFFERING PRAYER**

God of wholeness, **we thank you for your faithful promises, for daily bread, and for the freedom and healing you give us in Christ. Receive these gifts as signs of our gratitude and use them to restore dignity, mend what is broken, and unbind your people for generous living. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.**

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

**OFFERATORY PRAYER**

*(Offerings collected are for the BCMA: Community Assistance Fund)*

Merciful God, receive the sacrifice of our praise and thanksgiving and the offering of our lives, that following in the way of the cross, we may know the joy of the resurrection; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**BIDDING PRAYERS**

*After each prayer topic is introduced, a moment of silence is observed for individual prayer on the topic mentioned. A collect prayer is offered for each topic before moving on to the next topic.*

Finally, let us pray for all those things for which our Lord would have us ask, saying:

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

**PROCESSION OF THE CROSS\*(please rise in body or spirit)**

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We glory in your cross, O Lord, and we praise your holy resurrection, for by your cross joy has come to the world. **May God be merciful and bless us; may the light of God’s face shine upon us. Let your way be known upon the earth, your saving health among all nations.**

We glory in your cross, O Lord, and we praise your holy resurrection, for by your cross joy has come to the world. **Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. May God give us blessing, and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe.**

We glory in your cross, O Lord, and we praise your holy resurrection, for by your cross joy has come to the world. **By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

**HYMN\*(please stand in body or spirit) “Sing, My Tongue”**

**#356**

*All depart in silence. You may reverence the cross or pray at the foot of the cross before you depart.*

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