

**Pinetops Presbyterian Church**  
**The Service for the Lord's Day**

April 2, 2017

Ten O'clock

**The Church Gathers**

Prayer for Preparation (from the Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A 43)

*Through Christ's death our old selves are crucified, put to death, and buried with him, so that the evil desires of the flesh may no longer rule us, but instead we may dedicate ourselves as an offering of gratitude to him. May it be so, Amen.*

Prelude

*Here Yet Awhile*  
"St. Matthew Passion"

J. S. Bach

Introit

*Surely the Presence of the Lord*

Lanny Smith

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Call to Worship (from John 3)**

*Liturgist, Barbara Fuller*

**One: Come to the Lord with openness, seeking God's presence whatever it brings.**

**All: Bring doubt, bring belief. Seek the Lord and live.**

Lenten Journey to the Resurrection

**(Caroline will do this part!!!)**

Matthew 26: 2-4, 12-16

† Opening Hymn

*Beneath the Cross of Jesus*

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## Confession and Pardon

### † Call to Confession

God's love has been poured into our hearts through the gift of the Holy Spirit. The proof of God's amazing love is this: While we were sinners Christ died for us. Because we have faith in him, we dare to approach God in confidence. Confident in God's grace, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

### † Prayer of Confession

**All:** Compassionate God, you are more ready to hear than we are to speak. You are more ready to forgive than we are to confess. You invite us to draw near to you in prayer, but we keep turning away. Our sinfulness has led to our undoing. Lord, teach us to pray. Lead us to seek you. In your light may we see our darkness. In your truth may we know our lies. As we admit our sins, help us discover your grace and receive your mercy, so that we may live the life you have prepared for us in Jesus Christ. Amen.

† Silent Prayers of Personal Confession

### † Assurance of Pardon

**One:** Hear the good news! Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun....Friends, believe this, the Good News of the gospel.

**All:** In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen.

### † The Passing of the Peace

**One:** God has received us, pardoned us and loved us; let us forgive each other in love and share the peace of Christ. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**All:** And also with you.

† Congregational Response

*"Gloria Patri"*

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*(The children may go to the Fellowship Hall at this time for Children's Church)*

**You are finished and may return to your seat. Thank you for your willingness to serve as liturgist.**