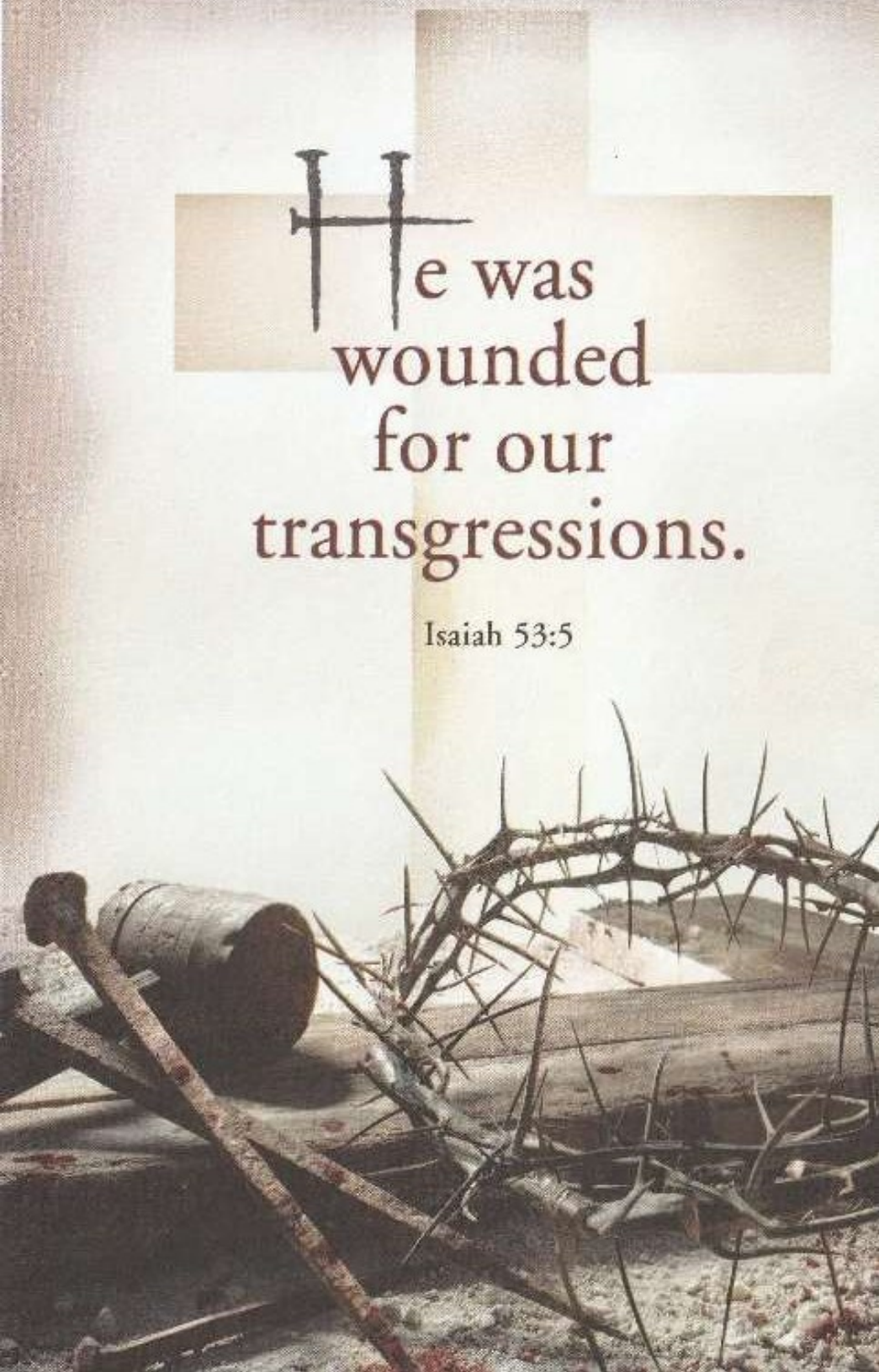


WELCOME TO SHILOH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE
APRIL 7, 2023, 12:00 PM



He was
wounded
for our
transgressions.

Isaiah 53:5

THE PRELUDE TO CHRISTIAN WORSHIP

“Day of Sorrow!”

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GATHERING WORDS (*Pastor Melinda*)

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All: Let us worship God together, as we remember the meaning of Jesus’ death, and embrace the new life to come.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION (*Jim Bentzel*)

One: Let us Pray!

All: O God of infinite love and power, we gather together on this Good Friday to reflect on the passion of the Christ. We are utterly humbled in the presence of such love and mercy. Open our hearts this day to the goodness of Good Friday, and fill us with your love and powerful Spirit of Holiness. Remove from us all sin. Offer us anew this Life in Christ that makes all things new. Amen.

HYMN

“The Old Rugged Cross”

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Reader: (*Jane Harrison*) “Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations.” (Revelation 22:1-2)

GOOD FRIDAY READINGS

One (*Pastor Melinda*): Let us pray.

All: Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid, cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.
(Book of Common Prayer)

