GOOD FRIDAY

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Community Mennonite
Church of Lancaster

T.D.Anderson

## Welcome and Opening

Holy God, as we journey through this familiar story,
help us to understand it anew.
Show us, O God, where we find ourselves in the narrative,
and move us toward a more just and compassionate future. Amen.

## Opening Hymn — *Come Thou Fount*  (verse 1)

**Station1:** *Peter resists then receives the footwashing (John 13:1-20)*

**Station 2:** *Jesus foretells Peter's denials (John 13:31-38)*

**Station 3:** *Peter draws his sword (John 18:1-11)*

## Congregational Response — *(Prayer of confession)*

Holy One, we are convicted of our addiction to violence.
We lament the proliferation and use of firearms.
We bemoan the staggering statistics of intimate partner violence.
Yet, we confess our own complicity in the pain of our neighbors.
Whether we have picked up a gun,
uttered harmful words about each other,
or simply refused to acknowledge another's pain,
we have betrayed the peace you left with us.
We have built war economies that make conflict profitable.
We have created societies that justify the violence of food and
housing insecurity,
the violence of racism, discrimination, and marginalization.
God of grace, have mercy upon us,
and save us from weak resignation to these evils. Amen.

## Hymn — *God of Grace and God of Glory* (verse 3)

**Station 4:** *Jesus is arrested and Peter denies Christ (John 18:12-18)*

Merciful God, we confess that, too often,
we've been inactive bystanders in the face of someone else's
victimization. Forgive us for choosing self-preservation over justice.
Amen.

## Hymn — *Come Thou Fount* (verse 2)

**Station 5:** *Peter denies Christ again and again (John 18:19-27)*
**Station 6:** *Jesus is Crucified (John 19:1-30)*

## Hymn — *Come Thou Fount* (verse 3)

## Benediction

*All worshipers depart in silence.*