

Prelude

Welcome

Choral Call to Worship

Just as I Am, Without One Plea

Opening Litany

Worship Leader:

One: We gather together for worship because we want to see Jesus.

All: He is the One who lifts our suffering world toward hope and transformation.

One: We need that transformation in our own lives, too.

All: We pray that God will put a new and right spirit in us.

One: Today, may this time of worship shape our lives to be more like Christ.

All: May God fill us with the law of love and write it on our hearts!

*Hymn

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

UMH #140

Children's Story Time

(Children, ages 3-5, may leave for Sunday School after this.)

Prayer for Illumination

Speak to us now, O God. Open our hearts and minds to understand and to follow what you are saying to us in the message of the Scriptures.

May your Word and your Spirit shape our lives all along this Lenten journey and for all our days. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Jeremiah 31:31-34 O.T. p. 735 & John 12:20-33 N.T. p.106

For the word of God in scripture, for the word of God among us,
for the word of God within us. **Thanks be to God.**

*Hymn

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

UMH #297

Sermon

Pastor Michelle Mejia

Call to Prayer

Open Our Eyes

TFWS #2086

Confession and Pardon

One: So much of our lives is focused on outward appearances.

It is right that we take a detour to examine our inward life,
to be honest with God, with ourselves, and with one another
about where we have fallen short and where we need to begin again.
So we confess our sins, first in silence, and then aloud.

All: God of all our lives,

**we confess that we have gotten caught up in the "good life tangle."
We have chased lives that are long, healthy, and above all happy,
and we have forgotten that you call us to lives of sacrifice and service.
We have let our lives be shaped by human things:
we long for security from our possessions;
we prefer our own comfort.**

We haven't loved you fully.

We haven't loved our neighbors as ourselves.

Forgive us, we pray.

**This Lent, take our palm branches and our lives,
that we may learn to lay them down in your service,
following your way even when we cannot understand.
This we pray in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

One: Where can we go for forgiveness but to God?

And when we struggle to seek good, God points us to Jesus, our Brother,
our Savior, who shows us how to follow him to life worth living.

So beloved people of God, hear the good news:

Christ died for us while we were yet sinners.

That proves God's love toward us.

In the name of Jesus Christ, praise God! You are forgiven.

All: In the name of Jesus Christ, praise God! You are forgiven.

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer

UMH #895

Music Ministry

God So Loved the World
Aldersgate Choir

by Steiner

Offering and Answering God's Call

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*Doxology

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days v.5

UMH #269

Opportunities to Serve

*Closing Hymn

Jesus Shall Reign

UMH #157

*Benediction

Postlude

MD Food Pantry Please donate feminine hygiene products and paprika for the month of March.

Easter Bunny Help Needed Following worship on Easter, we offer our children an egg hunt. We need help in two ways: people to leave the service quickly at the end to hide the eggs, and people to bring pre-filled eggs to church for the hunt. Fillings could be stickers, candy, or toys. If you can help please let the office know.

Rummage Sale Spring cleaning means finding things that you are ready to give away. Donate gently used items to our Rummage Sale for re-sale to our community. You may place them on the edge of the gym stage beginning today. Our sale will be on April 19, 20. Items to donate: clothing, furniture, household goods, kitchen ware, electronics, books, toys, decorations, craft items, tools, etc.

For Your Calendar:

Today Loaves and Fishes; Start bringing in items for Rummage Sale (Apr.19,20)
Mar. 29 Good Friday service, 7:00 p.m.
Mar. 31 Easter; Communion; Egg hunt following worship
Apr. 3 Doug Sloane Memorial Service; 11:00
Apr. 7 Potluck
Apr. 14 Reading Party following worship
Apr.19,20 Rummage Sale

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How should we live?



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