

Welcome

Choral Call to Worship

At the Name of Jesus

Opening Litany

Worship Leader:

One: Let us enter the city with God today.

**All: Let us sing hosanna to our king, to the son of God riding on a donkey
with shepherds and prostitutes, with the blind and the leper,
with the abandoned and oppressed.**

One: Let us shout for joy at Christ's coming
and follow the One who welcomes the sinner and dines with the outcast.

All: Let us touch and see as God draws near, riding in Triumph towards the Cross. Amen.

*Hymn

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

UMH #278

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

Psalm 118:1-2,19-29 O.T. p. 565 & Mark 11:1-11 N.T. p.47

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.**

Question for Reflection

Pastor Michelle Mejia

Lenten Cantata

A Service of Darkness

by Dale Wood

Aldersgate Choir: Donna Southwood Smith, Ellen Brown, Mimi Williams,

Julianne van Meerten, Joyce Prather, Patricia Thomas, Alice La Russo,

Tim Snyder, Eric Schoute, Chao-Hsi Chang, Howard Leathers, Ray Prather, John Gauthier

Guest Vocalists: Allison Hughes, alto; Vikki Graham, soprano; Jess Romeo, bass

Music Director: Millicent Scarlett Organist: Dana Scott

Offering and Answering God's Call

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basket, the box in the back of the sanctuary, or make a gift electronically
at www.uumcp.org/electronic-giving, or texting an amount to: 301-364-9236

*Doxology

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days v.5

UMH #269

Call to Prayer

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 and Lord's Prayer

UMH #895

Opportunities to Serve

*Closing Hymn

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart

UMH #160

*Benediction

Postlude

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

Easter Flower Order is due tomorrow! If you would like to order flowers for our sanctuary, you may get an order sheet from the table in the narthex.

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 Donate gently used items to our Rummage Sale. You may place them on the edge of the gym stage on Sundays or during office hours (9-2:00 M-F). 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:

- 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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Palm Sunday



By Henri Matisse