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Bulletin

March 20, 2016

Palm Sunday

10:30 am

God's Call and Our Commitment:

*To be an authentic, accessible and inclusive community in Christ,
celebrating and extending God's love into the world.*

SILENT MEDITATION

"God be merciful to me, a sinner." -John Wesley on his deathbed in 1791

GATHERING

PRELUDE

"The Holy City" (Adam)

-Carol Graham

We invite you to prepare your hearts and minds for worship as we listen to the prelude.

SPECIAL MUSIC

-Sunshine Handbell Ensemble

WELCOMING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

-Rev. Dr. Leigh Ann Shaw

-Rev. Frank Hallock

INTROIT

"The Lord is Coming Today" (Williams & Larson)

-Kids/Chancel Choir

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Drawn toward a holy center.

People: Beckoned to explore the depths.

Leader: Searching for the heart's true song.

People: Looking for a word that's true.

Leader: Here and now, we are found by God's grace and embraced with God's love.

People: Now we can stand on solid ground in the midst of shifting sands.

Leader: We can sing in the dark,

People: Dance on thin ice,

Leader: Laugh in the rain,

People: Believe through the pain.

Leader: Now, we can walk toward Easter,

People: Sail toward the dawn.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

*HYMN OF PRAISE

"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

-UMH 280

SCRIPTURE LESSON *Isaiah 50:4-9a in the Old Testament*

-Nancy Winters

Leader: For the Word of God in scripture,
For the Word of God among us,
For the Word of God within us,

People: Praise be to God.



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PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER OF WAITING

O Love Divine and Mysterious, take me down deep to the holy darkness of Love's roots. Let me become one with you. Guide me into the heart of the night, where I may grow strong with patience and waiting. Bless my eyes for the times of dim light, so that I may see what only you may reveal. Build a fire in my heart to keep me warm until a new dawn emerges. With the comfort of your promise to protect me, I have hope that new life will soon be revealed. Until the new light casts a glow for a new day, I will listen for your still small voice. Amen.

HYMN OF PREPARATION *"What Wondrous Love is This"* -UMH 292

SILENT PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER -UMH 895

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

ANTHEM *"Will There Really Be a Morning?"* (Johnson) -Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE LESSON *Luke 19:28-40 in the New Testament* -Nancy Winters

Leader: For the Word of God in scripture,
For the Word of God among us,
For the Word of God within us,

People: **Praise be to God.**

THE MESSAGE *"Midnight Until Dawn: Listen and Wait"* -Rev. Dr. Leigh Ann Shaw

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

OFFERING OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory *"Gabriel's Oboe"* (Morricone) -Carol Graham

***Doxology** *"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"* -UMH 95

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*



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OFFERTORY PRAYER

O God of power, you are able to use the weak and foolish things of this world to triumph over despair, suffering and hopelessness. Use us and these gifts in ways that bring new life and hope to our hurting world.

GOING FORTH

***HYMN OF DEDICATION** “*O Sacred Head, Now Wounded*”

-UMH 286

BENEDICTION

At this time, you may join hands for the Benediction if you desire.

POSTLUDE

-Carol Graham

At this time, you are welcome to be seated for the Postlude if you desire.



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*Flowers are given by Kim Johnson and Tim Frazier
in celebration of Chelsea's birthday (March 16).*