

A Time of Gathering

We invite and encourage you to enter the time of worship in quiet, using the time to quiet your mind and center yourself as we prepare for worship. We hope this time of quiet will provide space for you to open yourself to an encounter with God and others as we worship together.

The Singing Bowl

The use of a Singing Bowl to aid in meditation goes back hundreds, maybe thousands of years across the far east. When it is sounded, the tone and the vibrations may help you clear your mind, cleanse your heart and comfort your soul. We will use the Singing Bowl through Lent as a way to open ourselves to God's gracious mercy and love.

Song

“Christ is Here for Us (the Body of Christ)”

Elizabeth Tomboulian

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Calling on God

L: Let us pray together:

All: Holy One, Lover of Souls, we call out to you. You know our tears and sorrows, and you bear the seeds of grief with us. Open us this day to your comfort that nurtures these seeds into sheaves of joy— the simple and good enough moments that fill our days. Amen.

*Opening Hymn

“The Lord Went to A Dinner”

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**The Lord went to a dinner, and Mary took perfume.
As she anointed Jesus, the fragrance filled the room.
She'd sat as a disciple, she'd been a faithful friend,
and now, with costly fragrance, she honored Christ again.**

**Soon Judas was complaining, "This gift could have been sold;
We could have helped the poor here — the young ones and the old.
Yet Jesus said, "My people will always help the poor,
but Mary chose to give this — to me, her dying Lord."**

**Her gift was her expression of thankfulness and praise,
and so it makes us wonder, in these long Lenten days:
What would we give to Jesus if he sat at our meal?
What gift would be our kindness and what would it reveal?**

**O Lord, today we offer the best that we can bring —
our worship as a fragrance, our love, an offering.
And now, as we're reminded the poor are with us still,
we pray that we may serve them — to honor you, as well.**

Honest Questions, Compassionate Response

L: ... And despite our sometimes faltering steps, in the name of Jesus Christ, you are being forgiven, even now.

P: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

All: Glory to God! Amen.

The Peace

Scripture Reading

Psalm 126

Anthem

“When You Prayed Beneath the Trees”

Chancel Choir

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Gospel Reading

John 12:1-8

L: A Word of God that is still speaking,

P: Thanks be to God.

Song of Preparation

“Shout to the Lord”

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**My Jesus, my Savior, Lord there is none like you
All of my days I want to praise the wonders of your mighty love
My comfort, my shelter, tower of refuge and strength
Let every breath, all that I am never cease to worship you**

**Shout to the Lord all the earth, let us sing
Power and majesty, praise to the King
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar
At the sound of your name**

**I sing for joy at the work of your hands
Forever I'll love you, forever I'll stand
Nothing compares to the promise I have in you**

Message

“We Are Fragile”

Rev. Sharon Pajak

A Season of Prayer

Choral Call to Prayer

“That’s Enough for Me”

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A Time of Quiet for Personal Prayer

Prayers of the People

The Lord’s Prayer

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**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!**

We Share Our Gifts

Invitation to Giving

Song During Offering

Elizabeth Tombouliau

“Reflection on the Fragility of Life (Part 1)”

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***Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow** UMH 95

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**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!**

*Prayer of Thanksgiving (Unison)

Generous God, in light of your extravagant blessings— no matter what the state of the world or our imperfect lives— we offer our gifts and ourselves, and know that you transform what we plant into the produce of love. Amen.

*Closing Hymn

“Be Still, My Soul”

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**Be still, my soul; the Lord is on your side;
bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;
leave to your God to order and provide;
in every change God faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul; your best, your heavenly friend
through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.**

**Be still, my soul; your God will undertake
to guide the future as in ages past.
Your hope, your confidence, let nothing shake;
all now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still, my soul; the waves and winds still know
The Christ who ruled them while he dwelt below.**

**Be still, my soul; the hour is hastening on
when we shall be forever with the Lord,
when disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,
sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.
Be still my soul; when change and tears are past,
all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.**

Announcements

Rick Schlee

Choral Benediction

Chancel Choir

A Blessing for When You're in Grief

*Music for Going Forth

“Bring In the Sheaves”

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