

A Time of Gathering

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)" Chancel Choir  
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Calling on God

L: Let us pray together:

**All: Holy One, Our Light and Salvation, we call out to you, sometimes afraid of the adversaries in life. Shelter us in days of trouble, lead us on level paths. Open us this day to your grace and peace, transform our frustrations into simple and good enough moments that fill our days. Amen.**

\*Opening Hymn "Take Time to Be Holy" UMH 395  
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**Take time to be holy, speak oft with thy Lord;  
abide in him always, and feed on his word.  
Make friends of God's children, help those who are weak,  
forgetting in nothing his blessing to seek.**

**Take time to be holy, the world rushes on;  
spend much time in secret with Jesus alone.  
By looking to Jesus, like him thou shalt be;  
thy friends in thy conduct his likeness shall see.**

**Take time to be holy, let him be thy guide,  
and run not before him, whatever betide.  
In joy or in sorrow, still follow the Lord,  
and, looking to Jesus, still trust in his word.**

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 27:1-7

Anthem "Think of Me and Remember"  
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Chancel Choir

Gospel Reading

Luke 13: 31-35

L: A Word of God that is still speaking,

**P: Thanks be to God.**

Hymn of Preparation

"Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling"

UMH 348

**Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling, calling for you and for me;  
See, on the portals he's waiting and watching, watching for you and for me.**

*Refrain*

**Come home, come home; ye who are weary come home;  
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling, calling, O sinner, come home!**

**Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading, pleading for you and for me?  
Why should we linger and heed not his mercies, mercies for you and for me?  
(Refrain)**

Message

“Out of Control”

Rev. Sharon Pajak

A Season of Prayer

Choral Call to Prayer “That’s Enough for Me (Warner)” Chancel Choir  
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A Time of Quiet for Personal Prayer

Prayers of the People

The 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!**

We Share Our Gifts

Invitation to Giving

Song During Offering

Elizabeth Tombouliau

“Meditation on the Heart of Christ, 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.**

Holy Communion

Invitation to Communion

“Take, O Take Me as I Am”

Projected

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*Soloist* **Take, O Take me as I am; summon out what I shall be;  
Set your seal upon my heart and live in me.**

L: Christ looks upon each one with love and says,

P: “you are welcome at my table.”

L: Christ looks upon each one with compassion and says,  
P: **“whatever troubles you, bring it here.”**  
L: Christ looks upon each one with grace and says,  
P: **“whatever you’d like to leave behind, do it here.”**  
L: Will you come? ...

*Choir* **Take, O take me as I am; summon out what I shall be;  
set your seal upon my heart and live in me.**

L: The Holy Living God be with you.  
P: **And also with you.**  
L: Lift up your hearts!  
P: **We lift them up to the Lord!**  
L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
P: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**  
L: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, ...

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory!  
Hosanna in the highest!  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!  
Hosanna in the highest!**

L: Holy are you, ...  
All: **Christ *has* died! Christ *is* risen! Christ *will* come again!**  
L: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, ...

*All* **Take, O take me as I am; summon out what I shall be;  
set your seal upon my heart and live in me.**

Communion

Song During Communion

“A Place at the Table”

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\*Closing Hymn

“Since the Lord Is My Salvation”

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**Since the Lord is my salvation, Is there anyone to fear?  
As a citizen of heaven why should I feel worry here?  
In a world that's lost and broken and where sin and death abound,  
We rejoice for God has spoken: we are safe, on solid ground.**

**God will hide me in the shelter when the days of trouble come.  
Though a war may rise against me, God's own tent will be my home.  
I will trust what God has given, I will trust God's word to me:  
I'm a citizen of heaven and it's what I'll always be.**

**Even when I hear the warning, "Find a safer, easier way,"  
I'll be faithful in the morning and at noon and close of day.  
As a citizen of heaven, I have nothing I should fear;  
For in Christ, I am forgiven, and I'm called to service here.**

**You, O Lord, are my salvation; make me strong to live for you.  
May I care for your creation, love the stranger, speak what's true.  
May I share what you have given; may I see each person's worth.  
As a citizen of heaven, make me useful here on earth.**

\*Announcements

\*A Blessing for When You Realize Everyone is Struggling

\*Music for Going Forth

Elizabeth Tomboulian

“Meditation on the Heart of Christ, Part 2”

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