Church of the Good Shepherd
United Methodist

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Order of Worship

Palm Sunday

March 24, 2024 - 10:00 am

Prelude: My Faith Looks Up to Thee — Dr. Stephen Cook, Music Director
arr. Buda

The Chimes

Introit: Hosanna Loud Hosanna - Catherine Youngblood
Chancel Choir, Carillon Ringers, & Children's Choir
Sue Holder, soloist

Welcome and Announcements — Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin

Passing the Peace

***Call to Worship**
One: Hosanna to the Son of David!
Many: Hosanna in the highest!
One: Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.
Many: Hosanna in the highest!

***Opening Hymn: Come Christians, Join to Sing** (Red UM Hymnal #158)

The Word for Children

Unison Opening Prayer

Almighty God,
on this day your Son Jesus Christ entered the holy city of Jerusalem
and was proclaimed King
by those who spread their garments and palm branches along his way.
Let those branches be for us signs of his victory,
and grant that we who bear them in his name
may ever hail him as our Lord,
and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life.
In his name we pray. Amen.



***Scripture Lesson** - Mark 11: 1 - 11
Leader: The Word of God for the People of God
People: Thanks be to God

***Hymn of Preparation: All Glory, Laud and Honor** (Red UM Hymnal #280)

An Introduction to *Five Mystical Songs* & *The Hope of Loving*
Kirk Averitt, Chancel Choir Director

Five Mystical Songs - Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872 - 1958) **Chancel Choir**
Kenneth Landaverde, baritone

Message - A Reflection on Holy Week **Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin**

The Hope of Loving - Jake Runestad (b. 1986) **Chancel Choir**
Susan Holder, Garrison Holder, Carolyn Noonchester, Kenneth Landaverde, soloists

Proclamation of the Passion Story (read during the third movement of *The Hope of Loving)*
Gospel Reading - Luke 23:26–49

Texts

The Hope of Loving - Jake Runestad

Yield to Love (Rabia)
I know about love the way
the fields know about light,
the way the forest shelters us.
We are vulnerable like an infant.
We need each other's care
or we will suffer.
How will you ever find peace
unless you yield to love?

Wild Forces (St. Francis of Assisi)
There are beautiful, wild forces within us.
Let them turn millstones inside
filling bushels that reach to the sky.

The Hope of Loving (Meister Eckhart)
What keeps us alive,
what allows us to endure?
It is the hope of loving, of being loved.
We weep when light
does not reach our hearts.
We wither like fields if someone close
does not rain their kindness upon us.
My soul has a purpose, it is to love.

Texts

Five Mystical Songs - Ralph Vaughan Williams

1. Easter

Rise heart; thy Lord is risen.
Sing his praise without delay,
Who takes thee by the hand,
that thou likewise with him may'st rise;
That, as his death calcined thee to dust,
His life may make thee gold,
and much more, just.
Awake, my lute, and struggle for thy part
with all thy art.
The cross taught all wood to resound his
name, who bore the same.
His stretched sinews
taught all strings, what key
Is the best to celebrate
this most high day.
Consort both heart and lute, and twist a
song pleasant and long;
Or since all musick is but three parts
vied and multiplied.
O let thy blessed Spirit bear a part,
And make up our defects
with his sweet art.

2. I Got Me Flowers

I got me flowers to strew thy way;
I got me boughs off many a tree:
But thou wast up by break of day,
And brought'st thy sweets along with thee.
The Sun arising in the East.
Though he give light,
and th'East perfume;
If they should offer to contest
With thy arising, they presume.
Can there be any day but this,
Though many suns to shine endeavour?
We count three hundred, but we miss:
There is but one, and that one ever.

3. Love Bade Me Welcome

Love bade me welcome:
yet my soul drew back.
Guilty of dust and sin.
But quick-ey'd Love,
observing me grow slack
From my first entrance in,
Drew nearer to me,
sweetly questioning
If I lack'd anything.
A guest, I answer'd,
worthy to be here:
Love said, You shall be he.
I the unkind, ungrateful?
Ah, my dear,
I cannot look on thee.
Love took my hand,
and smiling did reply,
Who made the eyes but I?
Truth Lord,
but I have marr'd them:
let my shame
Go where it doth deserve.
And know you not, sayes Love,
who bore the blame?
My dear, then I will serve.
You must sit down, says Love,
and taste my meat:
So I did sit and eat.



4. The Call

Come, my Way, my Truth,
my Life:
Such a Way, as gives us breath:
Such a Truth, as ends all strife:
Such a Life, as killeth death.
Come, my Light, my Feast,
my Strength:
Such a Light, as shows a feast:
Such a Feast,
as mends in length:
Such a Strength,
as makes his guest.
Come, my Joy, my Love,
my Heart:
Such a Joy, as none can move:
Such a Love, as none can part:
Such a Heart, as joyes in love.

5. Antiphon

Let all the world
in ev'ry corner sing:
My God and King.
The heavens are not too high,
His praise may thither flie;
The earth is not too low,
His praises there may grow.
Let all the world
in ev'ry corner sing:
My God and King.
The Church with psalms
must shout,
No doore can keep them out;
But above all, the heart
Must bear the longest part.
Let all the world
in ev'ry corner sing:
My God and King.

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

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,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.

***Sending Forth for Holy Week**

Following the benediction, the cross will be covered and taken out of the sanctuary. The congregation will exit in silence to the courtyard.

String Quintet
Elizabeth Hedman, violin
Julie Rogers, violin
Colleen Sugata, viola
Paula Frehrenbach, cello
Will BJ Johnson, bass

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