Song of Reflection Were You There? (vs. 3 & 1) Blue Hymnal #288

Mary, Mother of Jesus Drama

Beth Jayapalan

Stripping of Altar

Song of Reflection Jesus, Remember Me Blue Hymnal #488 Felicia sings twice (Spanish & English); All (Once in Unison);

All (Once in Parts); All (Once A cappella in parts)

Leave in Silence

*Stand as you are able.

Liturgist: Lisa Bischoff Scripture Reader: Beth Barber

Ushers: Ric & Donna Sisi Greeters: Myra Webster & Mark Rohde

LISTENING SESSIONS FOR KINGSWOOD & CHRIST UMC POTENTIAL ADOPTION

THREE LISTENING SESSIONS ABOUT ADOPTION OF CHRIST UNITED **METHODIST CHURCH**

The Adoption Team held townhall meetings on April 2 at Christ UMC in Deerfield and at Kingswood. Both meetings were well attended and offered information as well as opportunities for questions. The team has now scheduled three listening sessions for sharing information, listening by Adoption Team members, and for asking questions. The

sessions will be held: Tuesday, April 11 at 7 pm in Room 114, Sunday, April 16 at 11:45 am in Room 114 & online, and Monday, April 17 at 7 pm in Room 114.

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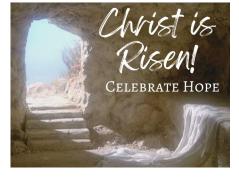


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JOINS US FOR EASTER SERVICES

You are invited to join us on Easter Sunday, April 9, to celebrate joy and rejoice in the resurrection of Jesus! Our 7:30 am Sunrise Service, will be held on the west lawn led, in part, by our youth. Our 9:00 am and 10:30 am identical services will celebrate the Resurrection with special music, a brass ensemble, bells, and flowers.





LAST CALL FOR LENTEN OFFERING

As the season of Lent concludes, we invite you to make a Lenten offering in support of **UMCOR's** (United Methodist Committee on Relief) Global Migration Program. All migrants suffer loss along or prior to their journeys, and most are unable to access the assistance they need to rebuild their lives in safe places. Let us shine the light of Christ by providing hope and care to vulnerable migrants, refugees and asylum seekers around the world. You may give at kingswoodumc.com/give and specify Lenten Offering. Good Friday April 7, 2023 7:00 pm Service

Prelude Just As I Am Paxton

Welcome and Centering Rev. James Preston

*Opening Hymn Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross Blue Hymnal #301

*Words of Gathering Lisa Bischoff

One: One of us betrayed you for money!

All: We thirst for forgiveness.

One: One of us denied you three times!

All: We thirst for reconciliation.

One: All of us fled in fear and uncertainty!

All: We thirst for courage and faith always!

Opening Prayer (Unison)

O Jesus, when you cried out, "I thirst," you showed us the deep emptiness of our lives. You thirsted for the restoration of broken relationships and the healing of broken people. You longed for justice and righteousness. O Jesus, lead us to thirst for love, healing, hope, and peace as we face the cross. Amen.

A Reading from the Gospel

John 19: 16c-30

One: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church. All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Meditation I AM Thirsty Rev. James Preston

Hymn of Reflection What Wondrous Love Is This Blue Hymnal #292

A Time of Confession Pastor Clayton Edwards

One: Judas, slave of jealousy, where are you?

All: I am here.

One: Peter, slave of denial and fear, where are you?

All: I am here.

One: Thomas, slave of doubt, where are you?

All: I am here.

One: Herod, slave of power and corruption, where are you?

All: I am here.

One: Pilate, slave of oppression and cowardice, where are you?

All: I am here.

One: Crowds in Jerusalem, slaves to mob rule, where are you?

All: We are also here!

All: We are all here, ready to comply with the betrayal and injustice of the world. We say we will not deny Jesus, but we confess that often we act as if we do not know him in word and deed. Jesus speaks words to change our lives, but we betray and deny. Forgive us and change our hearts. Amen.

A Time of Offering Pastor Clayton Edwards

Offertory Felicia Patton, Laura Hardy, Acc. Michael Fritsch

The Love of Christ Regi Stone, arr. Robert Sterling

Drama Judas Mark Rohde

One: Lord have mercy. All: Christ have mercy. One: Lord have mercy.

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Drama Salome Beth Weeden

Anthem Chancel Choir

Gethsemane Little/Catherwood

Drama John Jay Jayapalan

Song of Reflection Were You There? (v. 2) Blue Hymnal #288

Drama Peter Evan Leonida

Song of Reflection What Wondrous Love (v. 1) Blue Hymnal #292

Drama Mary Magdalene Wendy Avner

Song of Reflection O Love Divine, What Hast Thou Done (v. 1) Blue Hymnal 287

Drama Thomas Robb Micek

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