



Consider the following options to center yourself for worship:

**BREATHING PRAYER:** (Based on Psalm 126:3)

*IN FOR A COUNT OF 4: **The Lord has done ...***

*OUT FOR A COUNT OF 4: ... **Great things for us***

**REFLECT ON QUOTE**

*"Show me your hands. Do they have scars from giving? Show me your feet. Are they wounded in service? Show me your heart. Have you left a place for divine love?"*

*~ Fulton Sheen*

**READ SCRIPTURE**

Isaiah 43:16-21 – John 12:1-8

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

April 6, 2025

**Fifth Sunday of Lent**

*Prelude*

*Lamb of God – Old Rugged Cross arr. Lynette Maynard  
Jerry Bursch, Piano*

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WELCOME / OPPORTUNITIES FOR FAITH AND SERVICE

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Spring is about to break forth!

**P: In all the land, new life is happening!**

L: Feel the wonder and power of God's creative energy

**P: Feel the awe and joy of God's love for us.**

L: Let us worship God with a full sense of joy and expectation.

**P: Let us open our hearts, our spirits, our souls, to God's endless love.**

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\*HYMN

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

UMH 203

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1. Hail to the Lord's Anointed,  
great David's greater Son!  
Hail in the time appointed,  
his reign on earth begun!  
He comes to break oppression,  
to set the captive free;  
to take away transgression,  
and rule in equity.

2. He comes with succor speedy  
to those who suffer wrong;  
to help the poor and needy,  
and bid the weak be strong;  
to give them songs for sighing,  
their darkness turn to light,  
whose souls, condemned and dying,  
are precious in his sight.

3. He shall come down like showers  
upon the fruitful earth;  
love, joy, and hope, like flowers,  
spring in his path to birth.  
Before him, on the mountains,  
shall peace, the herald, go,

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and righteousness, in fountains,  
from hill to valley flow.

4. To him shall prayer unceasing  
and daily vows ascend;  
his kingdom still increasing,  
a kingdom without end.  
The tide of time shall never  
his covenant remove;  
his name shall stand forever;  
that name to us is love.

#### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

#### CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

**Lead us, Lord, in this time of worship. Make our paths straight and your presence clear. Guide us to give freely, without remembering, and to receive gratefully, without forgetting. Help us perceive the signs of life that spring forth from your creative love, and fill our hearts with wonder and awe. In joy-filled trust, we pray. Amen.**

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#### SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

#### PASTORAL PRAYER

\*HYMN:                      Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee                      UMH 175

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1. Jesus, the very thought of thee  
with sweetness fills the breast;  
but sweeter far thy face to see,  
and in thy presence rest.

2. O hope of every contrite heart,  
O joy of all the meek,  
to those who fall, how kind thou art!  
How good to those who seek!

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3. But what to those who find? Ah, this  
nor tongue nor pen can show;  
the love of Jesus, what it is,  
none but his loved ones know.

4. Jesus, our only joy be thou,  
as thou our prize wilt be;  
Jesus, be thou our glory now,  
and through eternity.

SCRIPTURE READINGS Isaiah 43:16-21, John 12:1-8 Terri Rae Elmer, Liturgist

*Isaiah 43:16-21*

Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. The wild animals will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

*John 12:1-8*

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

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The Word of God for the People of God.

**Thanks be to God!**

MESSAGE

Pastor Matt

\*HYMN:

More Precious than Silver (2x)

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Lord You are  
More precious than silver  
Lord You are  
More costly than gold  
Lord You are  
More beautiful than diamonds  
And nothing I desire  
Compares with You

OFFERTORY STATEMENT

We live out our membership vows by offering our prayers, our presence, our service, our gifts, and our witness. In this way we glorify God with our whole lives.

*Offertory*

*Morning Has Broken* *arr. Joel Raney*  
*Rhonda Budlong-Reints and Jerry Bursch, Piano Duet*

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\*DOXOLOGY *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow (UM Hymnal 95)*

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PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW; PRAISE GOD, ALL CREATURES  
HERE BELOW. PRAISE GOD ABOVE, YE HEAVENLY HOST; PRAISE FATHER, SON,  
AND HOLY GHOST. AMEN!

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

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**Loving God, source of all joy, we come before you with hearts full of gratitude. As Mary poured out her love for Jesus with costly perfume, so we pour out our gifts before you, seeking to honor you with all that we have. May our offerings remind us of the abundance you've poured into our lives. Help us to give extravagantly, not out of duty, but from hearts filled with joy and gratitude. Bless these gifts and use them to bring your hope to the world. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.**

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HYMN:                                      As We Gather at Your Table                                      TFWS 2268

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1 As we gather at your table,  
as we listen to your word,  
help us know, O God, your presence;  
let our hearts and minds be stirred.  
Nourish us with sacred story  
till we claim it as our own;  
teach us through this holy banquet  
how to make Love's victory known.

2 Turn our worship into witness  
in the sacrament of life;  
send us forth to love and serve you,  
bringing peace where there is strife.  
Give us, Christ, your great compassion  
to forgive as you forgave;  
may we still behold your image  
in the world you died to save.

3 Gracious Spirit, help us summon  
other guests to share that feast  
where triumphant Love will welcome  
those who had been last and least.  
There no more will envy blind us

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nor will pride our peace destroy,  
as we join with saints and angels  
to repeat the sounding joy.

#### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Christ our Lord invites to His table all who love him, who earnestly  
repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another.  
Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.*

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

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#### WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;  
that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ,  
you are forgiven!

**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.**

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#### THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**  
Let us lift up our hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

... And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:  
**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth  
are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one  
who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

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... As we proclaim the mystery of faith:  
**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

... Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of  
bread and the cup.

**Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ that we may be  
for the world the body of Christ redeemed by His blood.**

... All honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever. **Amen.**

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### *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 and the power and the glory  
forever and ever. Amen.**

BENEDICTION

Pastor Matt

HYMN OF PARTING

Shalom to You

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Shalom to you now, shalom my friends.  
May God's full mercies bless you, my friends.  
In all your living and through all your loving  
Christ be your shalom. Christ be your shalom.

Postlude

*III. Jubal's Trumpet*  
*Jerry Bursch, Organ*

*arr. Franklin D. Ashdown*

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**April 6** - Coffee Fellowship follows worship in Fellowship Hall.

**Hosted today by Linda White.**

**April 7-11** - New Day Devotions 8:00 AM.

**April 8** - Koinonia Life Group 10:30 AM in a member's home.

**April 8** - Bell Choir 4:00 PM in the Sanctuary.

**April 9** - Men's Breakfast 8:00 AM Sloan's Restaurant Indio.

**April 9** - Tai Chi 10:00 AM in Fellowship Hall.

**April 12** - UWIF 9:00 AM Fellowship Hall.

**April 13** - Chancel Choir 8:20 AM in the Sanctuary.

**April 13** - Adult Bible Study 9:00 AM in Solomon's Nest.

**April 13** - Palm Sunday Worship 10:00 AM in the Sanctuary

Want to assist in our feeding ministry – The Bridge on the last Saturday of every month. Contact the office for more information

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