



**Sunday, March 9, 2025**

*Prayer candles are available at the communion rail  
Financial gifts may be made in the wooden offering boxes  
Please silence your electronic devices*

## **THE GATHERING & CARILLON PRELUDE**

## **THE WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **THE PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP**

*When I Survey* Christopher Tambling  
*the Wondrous Cross* Tune at UMH #299

## **THE CALL TO WORSHIP\***

*Liturgist*

Jesus began his ministry to the world,  
led by the Spirit into the wilderness.

**As we begin our Lenten journey,  
let us be led by the Spirit,  
even into the uncomfortable places.**

*Liturgist*

In those forty days, and in that place,  
Jesus was faced with hunger, doubt and  
temptation,

**As we seek to follow Jesus,  
we would be led,  
even into the uncomfortable choices.**

*Liturgist*

Jesus left the wilderness,  
faithful and obedient to God,  
rejoicing in the One in whom he trusted.

**As we continue on our path to  
faithfulness,  
we will be led by our Christ,  
rejoicing in the Lord our God.**

## **THE ENTRANCE HYMN\***

*There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*

UMH #121

## **THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION\***

**We confess, Anointed One,  
that we excuse ourselves from reaching  
out to those who need your care.**

**We take your words -  
that there will always be unmet needs -  
as a reason not to try to meet the needs  
we can.**

**Forgive us, and help us to change.  
Renew our determination to live as  
faithful followers, faithful disciples,  
faithful Christians.**

**Help us to work with you for the well-  
being of your creation,  
that the fortunes of all your peoples  
may be restored. AMEN.**

## **THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON\***

*Pastor*

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.

**AMEN.**

## **THE LENTEN RESPONSE\***

UMH #359

*Refrain of Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed*

*At the cross, at the cross,  
where I first saw the light,  
and the burden of my heart rolled away;  
it was there by faith I received my sight,  
and now I am happy all the day.*

## **THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE & THE LORD'S PRAYER**

## **THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON**

Deuteronomy 26: 1 - 11

*cont.*

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Pastor*  
Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

## THE MINISTRY OF MUSIC

*What Wondrous*  
*Love is This*

Heather Sorenson  
Text at UMH #292

## THE THANKSGIVING & DOXOLOGY\*

Tune at UMH #415

*Praise God throughout these forty days.*  
*Praise Christ, our Lord, whom God did raise.*  
*And praise the Spirit who imparts*  
*God's love in Christ into our hearts.*

## THE GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 7: 36 - 50

## THE RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Depth of Mercy*

W&S #3097  
vss. 1, 3, 5

## THE MESSAGE

The Reverend Don Ackerman  
*A Most Uncomfortable Supper*

## THE CLOSING HYMN\*

*Rock of Ages, Cleft For Me*

UMH #361

## THE BENEDICTION\*

## THE POSTLUDE

*Fugue on the Kyrie*

François Couperin

\* - Please stand as you are able  
UMH - The United Methodist Hymnal  
W&S - Worship & Song

## PARTICIPANTS IN WORSHIP

Becky Hall  
*Liturgist*

The Reverend Don Ackerman  
*Pastor*

**The Crossroads Choir**  
Beth Polen, *Director of Music Ministries*

Christopher Dazey  
*Organist, Pianist & Carillonneur*

## Camp Wanake Work Day

Saturday, April 5, 2025 \* 9:00 am - 1:00 pm  
Lunch Included  
Volunteers Needed! - See Jim Kennedy

Happy  
Birthday

3/9 — Jeremiah Konneh  
3/10 — Maya Polen, Chloe Slease  
3/11 — Lucas Ackerman  
3/13 — Darla Sible

## Community Action Group

Join with your fellow church members  
and help turn fear and grief about our civic life  
into shared action

*New Meeting **TODAY***  
*11:15 am - Wesley Hall*

## LENTEN ORGAN VESPERS

**TODAY!**

**4:00 pm**

*Featuring*

*Manuel Halkias, Reader*  
*Christopher Dazey, Organist*

*Join us for this thoughtful and meditative exploration*  
*of the penitential season of Lent*

## New Member Class

**Beginning Sunday, March 30, 2025**

**11:15 am - Wesley Hall**

*Whether you are a new member or not,*  
*you are welcome to join Pastor Don's*  
*weekly New Member Class*  
*starting Sunday, March 30*

*Learn about the church's history and theology*  
*and ask as many questions as you'd like*  
*about your church home!*

## WEEKLY EMAIL NEWSLETTER

**Sign up for**  
**our email news and updates!**

***cantonforallpeople.org/email***



## Easter Flowers

**Easter flower order forms are available**  
**in the rear of the sanctuary**  
*Form must be received by Palm Sunday, April 13*

**To help keep our sacred space clean, at the conclusion of the service,**  
**please return this bulletin to one of the wooden tables located throughout the sanctuary**

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