



**Sunday, April 13, 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**

*Ride On, King Jesus*      Thomas W Jefferson

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

*Liturgist*

Today, we join Jesus in the final ascent to Jerusalem,  
knowing the depths we will descend on our  
journey through Holy Week.

**Open the gates of righteousness,  
that we may come worship God!**

*Liturgist*

We join the disciples in declaring that Jesus, riding  
on a donkey, is our Ruler, the One who will bring  
peace and salvation for all.

**Open the gates of peace,  
that we may come worship God!**

*Liturgist*

We join with the bystanders who questioned and  
wondered who this Jesus really is, who feared the  
consequences of angering the powers that be.

**Open the gates of truth,  
that we may come worship God!**

*Liturgist*

The journey through Holy Week brings us face-to-  
face with the stark reality of sin and God's  
faithfulness to save.

**Open the gates of salvation,  
that we may come worship God whose  
steadfast love never fails!**

## **THE ENTRANCE HYMN\***

*All Glory, Laud and Honor*

UMH #280

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

Merciful God,  
with the psalmist, we declare,  
"Open to me the gates of  
righteousness,  
that I may enter through them!"  
But we forget that only by your grace can  
we be righteous.  
With the crowds, we proclaim,  
"Blessed is the king who comes in the  
name of the Lord!  
Peace in heaven,  
and glory in the highest heaven!"  
But we neglect to follow you when you  
show us the ways to make peace on  
earth as it is in heaven.  
With the Pharisees,  
we notice our siblings doing their best  
to follow you and command,  
"Order them to stop!"  
But we refuse to listen to your command  
to love our neighbors as you love us.  
Forgive us, merciful God, and free us to  
follow Jesus down the road into  
Jerusalem,  
confronting the death-dealing powers  
of this world with the truth of your  
peace and steadfast love. 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**  
Isaiah 50: 4 - 9a

**THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**  
*Pastor*  
Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

**THE MINISTRY OF MUSIC** Lloyd Larson  
*Let the Rocks Cry Out*

**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 22: 7 - 14

**THE RESPONSE TO THE WORD** UMH #631  
*O Food to Pilgrims Given* vss. 1 - 2

**THE MESSAGE** The Reverend Don Ackerman  
*At His Table*

**THE CLOSING HYMN\*** TFWS #2083  
*My Song is Love Unknown*

**THE BENEDICTION\***

**THE POSTLUDE** Johannes Brahms  
*Herzliebster Jesu* Text at UMH #289  
*(Ah, Holy Jesus, How Hast Thou Offended)*

\* - Please stand as you are able  
UMH - The United Methodist Hymnal  
TFWS - The Faith We Sing

**PARTICIPANTS IN WORSHIP**

Terry Hogue  
*Liturgist*

The Reverend Don Ackerman  
*Pastor*

Julie Smith  
*Director of Children's Ministries*

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

Christopher Dazey  
*Organist, Pianist & Carillonneur*

**Happy Birthday**  
4/14 — Tessa Polen  
4/15 — Roger Hegnauer,  
Terry Hogue  
4/16 — James Ackerman  
4/19 — Tina Perez

**THIS WEEK AT CROSSROADS**

**Wednesday, April 16**  
Men's Prayer Breakfast  
9:00 am - Wesley Hall

**Thursday, April 17**  
Gibbs Food Ministry  
2:00 pm - Frm Education Wing

**HOLY WEEK SERVICES**

**Maundy Thursday**  
April 17

**Good Friday**  
*Special Combined Service With St Paul's Episcopal*  
April 18

**7:00 PM**  
In the Sanctuary  
All are welcome!

**Easter Flowers**

**Easter flower order forms are available  
in the rear of the sanctuary**  
**FINAL DEADLINE TODAY!**  
*Please leave the form with payment in the church office*

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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