



*“I am the resurrection and the
life. Anyone who believes in
me will live, even after dying.”*

— John 11:25

March 19, 2023, 10:30 a.m.

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Order of Worship

(*Please rise in body or in spirit.)

PRELUDE “Meditation on ‘Ah Dearest Jesus’” (Dickinson) Henry Repp

GREETING Rev. Todd Lattig

*CALL TO WORSHIP Kathleen Meredith

We wonder why things happen the way they do.

We come looking for answers and deeper understanding.

Illuminate us, Lord. Teach us.

Be near to us, God — comfort us, love us.

*OPENING HYMN “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” UMH 298

*OPENING PRAYER (unison) Kathleen Meredith

**Why, Lord? Is there a pattern, a plan, a purpose to the pain
of the world? While our minds seek answers, our hearts seek
comfort. Gentle God, we are hurting; hold us close. Amen.**

ANTHEM “How Beautiful” (Paris/Courtney) Chancel Choir

COMMUNITY PRAYER Rev. Lattig

CHORAL RESPONSE TO PRAYER Chancel Choir

KIDS ROCK CHILDREN’S SERMON Rev. Lattig

SCRIPTURE READINGS Kathleen Meredith

Psalm 137:1-6

¹ Beside the rivers of Babylon, we sat and wept
as we thought of Jerusalem.

² We put away our harps,
hanging them on the branches of poplar trees.

³ For our captors demanded a song from us.
Our tormentors insisted on a joyful hymn:
“Sing us one of those songs of Jerusalem!”

⁴ But how can we sing the songs of the LORD
while in a pagan land?

⁵ If I forget you, O Jerusalem,
let my right hand forget how to play the harp.

⁶ May my tongue stick to the roof of my mouth
if I fail to remember you,
if I don’t make Jerusalem my greatest joy.

John 11:23-25

²³ Jesus told her, “Your brother will rise again.”

²⁴ “Yes,” Martha said, “he will rise when everyone else rises, at the last day.”

²⁵ Jesus told her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Anyone who believes in me will live, even after dying.

This is the Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God for this Word.

ANTHEM “Ave Verum” (Clarke) Chancel Choir

SERMON “Why Do Bad Things Happen to Good People?” Rev. Lattig

OFFERTORY “Chorale on Melcombe” (Blake) Henry Repp

You may leave your offering in the plate in the narthex or scan one of the QR codes on the back of this bulletin to make your offering electronically.

*DOXOLOGY UMH 95

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison) Kathleen Meredith

God who weeps with us, receive our gifts today. Bless them and bless us to go deep into the wounds of your hurting world without judgment and without explanation. Bless us to go into your world with compassion, carrying each other’s crosses until the sun rises, bringing us the warmth of new life and light once again.

*CLOSING HYMN “It Is Well With My Soul” UMH 377

SERVICE OF DIMINISHING LIGHTS Kathleen Meredith

*BENEDICTION Rev. Lattig

POSTLUDE “Toccata” (Leclerc) Henry Repp

Did you know...?

The color of the drape on the banner on the altar changes weekly during Lent.

Today’s drape is green which symbolizes growth in the Christian Life. It is a summons to reflection, prayer, and the study of scripture.

Schedule This Week...

Monday, March 20:	10 Chair Yoga HH 2 ABC Book Club via Zoom
Tuesday, March 21:	10 Manna House Lunch Prep 6 Cub Scouts HH
Wednesday, March 22:	7 Worship Team Meeting
Thursday, March 23:	7 Choir Rehearsal
Saturday, March 25:	9-2 Treasures of Hope 10 Unity Choir 10-2 Craft Fellowship
Sunday, March 26:	9 Joy Fellowship Service & Sunday School 10:30 Sanctuary Service 2 Unity Choir Rehearsal

Today's Worship Leaders

Pastor
Liturgist
Organist/Music Director
Greeter
Camera Operator
Soundboard Operator

Rev. Todd Lattig
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