



*Our Father in heaven,  
may your name be kept holy.*

*Matthew 6:9*

*March 26, 2023, 10:30 a.m.*

*Fifth Sunday in Lent*

# Order of Worship

(\*Please rise in body or in spirit.)

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| PRELUDE  | Henry Repp                                 |
| “Psalm Prelude (By the Waters of Babylon)” (Huston)  |  |
| GREETING   | Rev. Todd Lattig                           |
| *CALL TO WORSHIP   | Kathleen Meredith                          |
| God tells us to forgive others.  |  |
| <b>We wonder — why should we? Forgiveness is hard to extend when we are hurting.</b>   |  |
| Teach us, O God, how to forgive and to trust again.  |  |
| <b>May we be open to the lessons of giving and receiving forgiveness.</b>  |  |
| *OPENING HYMN  | “Nothing But the Blood”                    |
|  | UMH 362                                    |
| *OPENING PRAYER (unison)   | Kathleen Meredith                          |
| <b>Lord, things are broken. Again. The remnants of shattered trust and fractured hope lie in our path. Bring us to the place of forgiveness, your great mystery of healing. Give us back our lives, we pray. Amen.</b> |  |
| ANTHEM   | “O, the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus” (Martin) |
|  | Chancel Choir                              |
| COMMUNITY PRAYER   | Rev. Lattig                                |
| CHORAL RESPONSE TO PRAYER  | Chancel Choir                              |
| KIDS ROCK CHILDREN’S SERMON  | Rev. Lattig                                |
| SCRIPTURE READING  | Kathleen Meredith                          |

## Matthew 6:9-15

<sup>9</sup> Pray like this:

Our Father in heaven,  
may your name be kept holy.

<sup>10</sup> May your Kingdom come soon.  
May your will be done on earth,  
as it is in heaven.

<sup>11</sup> Give us today the food we need,

<sup>12</sup> and forgive us our sins,

as we have forgiven those who sin against us.

<sup>13</sup> And don’t let us yield to temptation,  
but rescue us from the evil one.

<sup>14</sup>“If you forgive those who sin against you, your heavenly Father will forgive you. <sup>15</sup> But if you refuse to forgive others, your Father will not forgive your sins.

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

**Thanks be to God for this Word.**

ANTHEM “Lamb of God” (Paris/Courtney) Chancel Choir

SERMON “How and Why Do I Forgive?” Rev. Lattig

OFFERTORY Joyful Ringers Trio  
“Were You There?” (traditional, arr. Michele Sharik)

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

**Lord, in the prayer you taught us, we ask for forgiveness, and we also pledge to forgive. We ask for your will to be done here on earth, in our lives and in us. May our gifts today also be our pledge to do your will with all that we have and are. In Jesus’ holy name we pray. Amen.**

\*CLOSING HYMN “Freely, Freely” UMH 389

SERVICE OF DIMINISHING LIGHTS Kathleen Meredith

\*BENEDICTION Rev. Lattig

POSTLUDE “Sortie — Improvisation” (Ferrari) Henry Repp

## **Did you know...?**

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

**Today’s drape is *red*, the color of fire, which symbolizes Christian zeal in the ministry and work of the church, as well as the color of blood, symbolizing sacrifice, pointing to the cross and the summons that comes to each of us to lay aside the cluttered accoutrements of our lives.**

## Schedule This Week...

**Monday, March 27: 10 Chair Yoga HH**  
**Wednesday, March 29: 7 Trustees**  
**Thursday, March 30: 7 Choir Rehearsal**  
**Saturday, April 1: 9-2 Treasures of Hope**  
**10 Unity Choir**  
**Sunday, April 2: Palm Sunday**  
**9 Joy Fellowship Service & Sunday School**  
**10:30 Sanctuary Service**  
**2 Unity Choir Rehearsal**

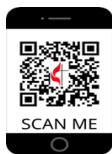
### Today's Worship Leaders

Pastor  
Liturgist  
Organist/Music Director  
Joyful Ringers Trio

Greeter  
Camera Operator  
Soundboard Operator

Rev. Todd Lattig  
Kathleen Meredith  
Henry Repp  
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