





March 19, 2023

4TH SUNDAY IN LENT

Sanctuary 10:45am

*The \*asterisk is an invitation to rise in body and/or spirit.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND WELCOME

Rev. Christopher Liberati

*\*Please stand if you are able and greet one another with a sign of friendship and peace.*

Prelude *Ah, Holy Jesus (Johann Crüger)*, Robert Lind Dr. Rebecca Abbott

PREPARATION

Introit *Come and See* Chancel Choir Directed By Mary Kepple

Opening Prayer Cathy Yarman

How incredible is your love, O God! We have been made new in your love and reconciled to you and to each other in peace and joy. Be with us this day as we hear your words of comfort and hope. Guide our lives that we may serve you more fully all of our days. AMEN.

\*Opening Hymn *Where Charity and Love Prevail* UM Hymnal 549

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Come, let us celebrate the forgiving, reconciling love of God.

**P: For once we were lost and felt so far away; now we have been found and welcomed home.**

L: Know that God's love is lavished upon you forever.

**P: We rejoice at the news of forgiveness and hope!**

L: Come, let us celebrate and praise the God of Love.

**P: AMEN!**

INTO THE WORD

Isaiah 53:12 Jana Stewart

\*Matthew 27:15-38

\*Gloria Patri

Message: He was Counted among the Rebels Rev. Christopher Liberati

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Call to Prayer *Father, Forgive Us*, Craig Courtney Chancel Choir Directed By Mary Kepple

Morning and Lord's Prayer

Cathy Yarman

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 for ever. Amen.

DEDICATION OF OUR LIVES, TITHES, GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

Invitation to Give

Offertory *If God Is for Us, Who Can Be Against Us*, from the Messiah by G.F.Handel

Heather Karmick, soprano/Cynthia Mahaney, flute

\*Doxology *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow* UM Hymnal 95

\*Prayer of Dedication

SENDING FORTH

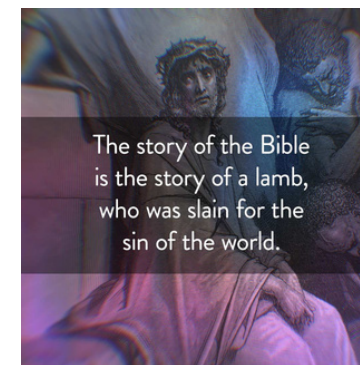
\*Closing Hymn *Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service* UM Hymnal 581

\*Benediction

Postlude *BEACH SPRING*, Mark Hayes Dr. Rebecca Abbott

Our purple paraments were made by the Piece Corps and given by the Berry Family in recognition of Roslyn Berry's 90th birthday. Roslyn was a lifelong member of our church family and purple was her signature color. These paraments graced the altar when we celebrated Roslyn's life and we remember Roslyn each Lent when the purple appears.

Today's Sound: Carol Moore/ Live Stream: Mack Family/ Head Usher: Marcia Needham



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<b>Pastor :</b> Rev. Christopher Liberati	<b>Director of Technology :</b> Carol Moore	<b>Administrative Assistant:</b> Myra Daniel
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