



March 9, 2025



The Parade: Risking Reputation

WELCOME

PRELUDE

If Thou but Suffer God to Guide Thee
arr. Walther

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We stand at the gate, hesitant and uncertain. Will we join the parade, risking our reputation along with Jesus? Or will we play it safe? Forgive our fear, our indecision, our apathy. Such moments in life are not easy, O God, yet we know you are with us. You entered our story through Jesus, now help us to enter fully into the story of your kingdom on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.

OPENING HYMN

no. 154

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

ASSURANCE OF FAITH

Know this: you may join the parade at any time, no matter how slow you've been to say "yes." You are forgiven and freed, encouraged and loved by a God who wants you to live fully. Let us enter the passion of Christ, and pass the peace of Christ with each other.

SIGNS OF PEACE AND UNITY IN CHRIST

PASSING OF THE FRIENDSHIP FOLDERS

MESSAGE FOR GROWING CHRISTIANS

SUNG RESPONSE *Jesus Loves Me* No. 191, vs 1

**Jesus loves me! This I know,
for the Bible tells me so,
Little ones to him belong;
they are weak, but he is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.**

SCRIPTURE Matthew 21: 1-11

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet: "Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey." The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!" When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

ANTHEM

Take My Life, That I May Be Scott Perkins
Chancel Choir

DRAMATIC READING

Tony Sims

(based on Zechariah 9:9-10)

MESSAGE *The Parade: Risking Reputation*

PRAYER HYMN No. 349
Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

TIME OF PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 forever. Amen.

OFFERING

You may give your offering by text- Text UMCWC \$50 to 73256, by using the QR code on your screen, at umcwc.org, through the mail, by automated giving through Realm, or by dropping it off at our office. Thank you for your generosity.

OFFERTORY *Abiding Love* Wells

OFFERING RESPONSE no. 99

**To God be the glory, to God be the glory,
to God be the glory for the things he has
done, With his blood he has saved me;
with his power he has raised me;
to God be the glory for the things he has
done**

CLOSING HYMN TFWS no. 2235
We Are Marching in the Light of God

BENEDICTION

Go now, with eyes open wide, to see the brushstrokes of the Divine Artist in your days, in the stories you carry, in the ones unfolding around you, in the heartbreak and healing, the sorrow and song. May this season of Lent be a sacred frame, drawing your gaze to the holy hidden in plain sight—a simple moment turned significant, a fleeting

breath filled with meaning. And as you walk this journey with attention and intention, may you be blessed by the love that shapes you, the grace that holds you, and the hope that leads you home. **Amen.**

POSTLUDE *A Lenten Meditation*
Havergal/Rasley

Bold text indicates congregational response

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Message: Rev. Cynthia Stouffer
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ENTERING THE PASSION OF JESUS

PICTURING OURSELVES IN THE STORY



2025 Lenten Sermon Series

- Week 1 - The Parade: Risking Reputation
- Week 2 - The Temple: Risking Righteous Anger
- Week 3 - The Teaching: Risking Challenge
- Week 4 - Youth Sunday: Risking Rejection
- Week 5 - The Last Supper: Risking the Loss of Friends
- Week 6 - Palm Sunday, Chancel Choir Cantata at 8:45 AM.

United Women in Faith Annual Spring Retreat

"For Every Time, There is a Season"
with
Pastor Shawn Callender Hogan

Saturday, March 15

9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Continental breakfast
at 8:30 am.
No cost to attend.
Informational flyers
are in the
Gathering Area.



Register at
umowwvf@gmail.com

Lenten Devotions

Copies of our Lenten devotional book
"A Journey of Faith and Reflection"
are available in the Gathering Area.
These devotions are written by members and friends of
our church family. We hope that they will guide you in a
meaningful way this Lenten season.

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, March 9

- 8:45 AM - Worship
- 10:00 AM - Sunday School
2 yrs - Grade-5 (4,5),
Grades 6-12 (YR),
Adults (Chapel, 7, 12)
- 11:00 AM - Worship Café
- 6:00 PM - El Buen Worship
- 6:00 PM - Youth Group

Monday, March 10

- 10:00 AM - Coffee With the Pastor
- 7:00 PM - Disciple 4 (Zoom)
- 7:00 PM - Narcotics
Anonymous
- 7:00 PM - El Buen Men/Women
- 7:30 PM - Boy Scouts

Tuesday, March 11

- 1:00 PM - Sunshine Memory
Café

Wednesday, March 12

- 7:30 AM - Men's Bible Study
- 9:30 AM - Women's Bible
Study
- 11:30 AM - ROMEOS Men's lunch
Group
- 5:45 PM - Wednesday
Night Out
- 6:00 PM - Stephen Ministry
Training
- 6:30 PM - Digital Disciple
- 6:30 PM - Prayer Journey Group
- 6:30 PM - Children's Choir

7:15 PM - Praise Band

7:30 PM - Carillon Choir

Thursday, March 12

6:30 PM - Chancel Choir

Saturday, March 15

8:30 AM - United Women In
Faith Retreat

