



Season of Lent



The Final Week:
Conversations from the Cross

Palm Sunday | April 13, 2025

Rev. Dr. Steve Bailey, Pastor



UNIVERSITY CIRCLE

United Methodist Church

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As a diverse and inclusive faith community, we welcome and support all who desire to worship, study, commune and share life with us: including those of any race, gender, physical or mental ability, sexual orientation, or socioeconomic position, for we believe that in God's house, all are welcome all the time.

SUNDAY WORSHIP

11:00 a.m. | January through May

PRAYER TIME

Weekly Prayer on Tuesdays at 6:00p via Zoom

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Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

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1. Ho - san - na, loud ho - san - na, the lit - tle chil - dren sang;
 2. From Ol - i - vet they fol - lowed mid an ex - ult - ant crowd,
 3. "Ho - san - na in the high - est!" that an - cient song we sing,

through pil - lared court and tem - ple the love - ly an - them rang.
 the vic - tor palm branch way - ing, and chant - ing clear and loud.
 for Christ is our Re - deem - er, the Lord of heaven our King.

To Je - sus, who had blessed them close fold - ed to his breast,
 The Lord of earth and heav - en rode on in low - ly state,
 O may we ev - er praise him with heart and life and voice,

the chil - dren sang their prais - es, the sim - plest and the best.
 nor scorned that lit - tle chil - dren should on his bid - ding wait.
 and in his bliss - ful pres - ence e - ter - nal - ly re - joice!

WORDS: Jeanette Threlfall, 1873 (Mt. 21:8-9; Mk. 11:8-10; Jn. 12:12-13)
 MUSIC: *Gesangbuch der H. W. k. Hofkapelle*, 1784; adapt. and harm. by W. H. Monk, 1868

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* Indicates times in the service that the congregation stands, if able.

ORGAN PRELUDE..... “*Praeludium III in D-flat Major*” J.S. Bach

WELCOME..... Dr. Steven Bailey, Pastor

* **CALL TO WORSHIP** Timothy Moses, Liturgist

As Jesus rode into Jerusalem people were confused about who he was.

The authorities thought he was a threat. Many others were simply indifferent. But those who traveled with him and heard his promises, knew that he was the Messiah, the promised Son of God.

With humility he rode into the city, as crowds shouted greetings, and told others who Jesus was.

They stripped of their cloaks and then stripped the palm trees, laying branches on the road, symbols of a royal welcome.

And as Jesus rode forward, the crowd shouted: “Hosanna to the Son of David.”

Hosanna to the blessed Son of God. Amen.

* **OPENING HYMN**..... “*Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*” UMH 278

* **OPENING PRAYER**..... Liturgist

Jesus was born in a Bethlehem stable, fled as a refugee to Egypt, grew up in Nazareth, and was baptized by John the Baptist.

He called disciples to travel with him, he owned few possessions, he delighted in healing the sick and encouraging those who struggled. He treated women as equals, crossed religious and racial lines, showed compassion to roman soldiers, and taught the power of forgiveness.

He warned his disciples ahead of time, about what would happen on this trip to Jerusalem. He wanted them to have faith even as the world turned against him.

Because of Jesus, our lives have been changed for good. We know God loves us. We know that life is eternal. We know that we are partners in building the Holy Kingdom. We know that prayers are heard and that faith is powerful. Praise God for the wondrous ways in which our lives have been touched. Prepare our hearts to worship and celebrate this day! Amen.

**** Please be Seated for the Prayer Hymn ****

PRAYER HYMN“Majesty, Worship His Majesty”UMH 176

PASTORAL PRAYER Dr. Bailey

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.

STATEMENT OF FAITH.....Liturgist

The Nicene Creed | UMH 880

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in the one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and life of the world to come. Amen.

MUSIC MINISTRY *“He Decided To Die”* Margaret Pleasant Douroux
Dr. Thea Wilson, soprano
The Circle Chorale

SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 23 : 32 – 43 NIV Dr. Bailey

Two other men, both criminals, were also led out with him to be executed. When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified him there, along with the criminals—one on his right, the other on his left. Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.” And they divided up his clothes by casting lots. The people stood watching, and the rulers even sneered at him. They said, “He saved others; let him save himself if he is God’s Messiah, the Chosen One.” The soldiers also came up and mocked him. They offered him wine vinegar and said, “If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.” There was a written notice above him, which read: This is the King of the Jews. One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: “Aren’t you the Messiah? Save yourself and us!” But the other criminal rebuked him. “Don’t you fear God,” he said, “since you are under the same sentence? We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong.” Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” Jesus answered him, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise.”

The Word of God, for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE SERIES: *“The Final Week -- Conversations from the Cross”*
Dr. Bailey

GIVING BACK OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS TO GOD

**** Please complete & place Attendance Sheet in Plate ****

Offertory *"In the Name of the Lord"* Patty, McHugh, Gaither
Cathie Chancellor, alto
The Circle Chorale

* Doxology *"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"* UMH 95

PRAYER OF DEDICATION Dr. Bailey

* **CLOSING HYMN** *"Were You There"* UMH 288

* **BENEDICTION** Dr. Bailey

**** Please be Seated for the Postlude ****

POSTLUDE *"I Walked Today Where Jesus Walked"*
Geoffrey O'Hara, arr. by Linda Hartman

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176 Majesty, Worship His Majesty

Maj - es - ty, wor - ship his maj - es - ty; un - to
Je - sus be all glo - ry, hon - or, and praise. Maj - es - ty,
king - dom au - thor - i - ty, flow from his throne un - to his own;
his an - them raise. So ex - alt, lift up on high the name of
Je - sus. Mag - ni - fy, come glo - ri - fy Christ Je - sus, the King.

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of six systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The piano accompaniment features prominent triplet patterns in both hands. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line of each system.

WORDS: Jack Hayford, 1981
MUSIC: Jack Hayford, 1981; arr. by Eugene Thomas, 1981
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MAJESTY
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IN PRAISE OF CHRIST

Maj - es - ty, worship his maj - es - ty,
Je - sus who died, now glo - ri - fied, King of all kings.

All are Welcome ...
SUNDAY at 11:00am

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Were You There

1. Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? (were you
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 3. Were you there when they pierced him in the side? (were you
 4. Were you there when the sun re - fused to shine? (were you
 5. Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? (were you

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Refrain

there) Oh! some-times it caus - es

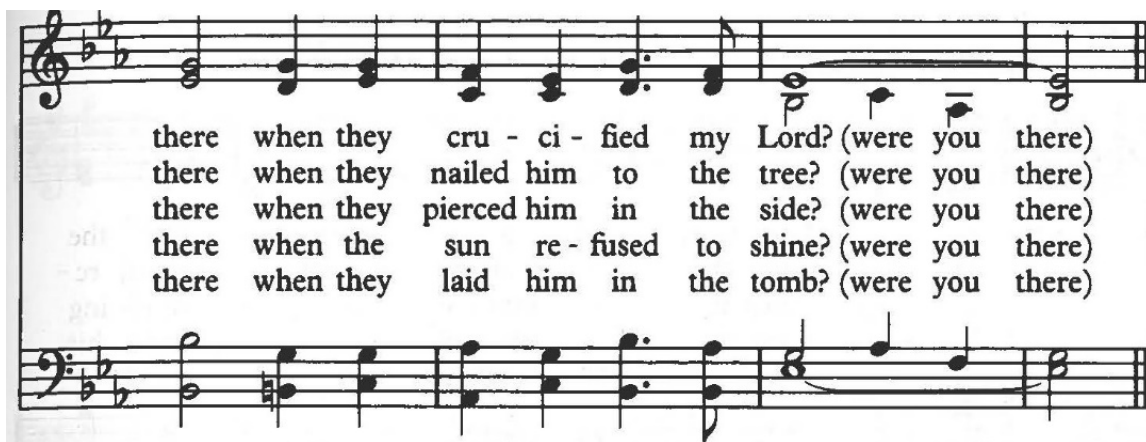
me to trem - ble, trem - ble, trem - ble. Were you

WORDS: Afro-American spiritual

MUSIC: Afro-American spiritual; adapt. and arr. by William Farley Smith, 1986

WERE YOU THERE
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EXPRESSIONS OF CARE

PRAY ONE FOR THE OTHER | Please pray for and keep in contact with our homebound and remote members ...

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| David Cabbil | Willa Hunter | Cindy Martinez |
| Frances Chappell | Doris Jeffries | Christa Oksiloff |
| Maxine Greer | Terri Leonard | James & Barbara Williams |

The Family of Susan Way.

ANNOUNCEMENTS and / or REMINDERS

MONTHLY BOOK DISCUSSION | Please join us in the Reception Room on Monday, April 28. We will continue to discuss Chapter 4 of the book “Cultivating Christlikeness: Loving as Jesus Loved” by Paul Chilcote. We'll gather at 6:30p for a light meal. Books are available in the Church Office — No need to read it before we meet on tomorrow. Questions? Please contact Jennifer Bier or Jeff Day.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Every TUES 6:00p ... Prayer in the Circle | Zoom ID 736 123 918
 Dial (253) 215-8782 or <https://zoom.us/j/736123918>

Every SUN 9:45a to 10:50a Adult Bible Study | Parlor

11:00a ... Worship Service | Sanctuary & Livestream
 (Facebook | Dial (253) 215-8782 enter Zoom ID 853 0953 8368 with
 PassCode 591396 | <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85309538368>)

MESSAGE NOTES

Series: The Final Week
Message: Conversations from the Cross
Scripture: Luke 23:32-43 and John 19:25-27
Preacher: Dr. Steve Bailey, Pastor

Notes: _____

LOOKING AHEAD ... Sunday, April 20

Series: **The Final Week**
Message: **Resurrection**
Scripture: **John 20**
Activity: **Lloyd “Max” Bunker, Director of Music and Organ
Eric Charnofsky, Accompanist
Robert “Bob” Moncrief, Accompanist
Timothy Moses, Liturgist**