

Sunday, March 29 Fifth Sunday in Lent

10:45 Service

Prelude

What Wondrous Love is This?

Folk hymn arr. Nancy Whitecar

FIUME di Musica

Welcome

Rev. Dr. Debra Murray

Opening Hymn

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

UMH 155 Vs., 1,2 4, & 6

- 1. All hail the power of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall; bring forth the royal diadem, and crown Him Lord of all. Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown Him Lord of all.
- 2. Ye chosen seed of Israel's race, ve ransomed from the Fall, hail Him who saves you by His grace, and crown Him Lord of all. Hail Him who saves you by His grace, and crown Him Lord of all.
- 3. Let every kindred, every tribe on this terrestrial ball, to Him all majesty ascribe, and crown Him Lord of all. To Him all majesty ascribe, and crown Him Lord of all.
- 4. O that with yonder sacred throng we at His feet may fall! We'll join the everlasting song, and crown Him Lord of all. We'll join the everlasting song, and crown Him Lord of all.

Call to Worship

Pam Cutkosky, Lay Leader

Coming from places that have seen better days,

God bids us to celebrate this day, a day full of new possibilities.

Coming with our breath taken away by grief,

The Holy Spirit breathes new life within us, renewing our connection with God and with one another.

Coming to worship seeking a hope that will endure,

Christ unbinds the fetters that hold us in death, speaking in word and sacrament, and building community for holy service.

Children's Moment

Rev. Ann Duncan

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Ann Duncan

Lord's Prayer

Our Creator, 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 Special Music

Out of the Depths

Richard Frost

Mark Shaull, Baritone / Alan Cooper, Violin / Nancy Whitecar, Piano

Scripture

John 11:1-45

Pam Cutkosky

Hymn

There is a Balm in Gilead

UMH 375 vs. 1

Refrain:

There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole. There is a balm in Gilead to heal the sinsick soul.

1. Sometimes I feel discouraged, and think my work's in vain, but then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again. (Refrain)

2. Don't ever feel discouraged, for Jesus is your friend, who, if you ask for knowledge, will never fail to lend. (Refrain)

Homily

Rev. Dr. Debra Murray

Hymn

There is a Balm in Gilead (refer to the hymn text above)

UMH 375 vs. 2

Offertory

O, the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus *John Whitecar, Tuba / Nancy Whitecar, Piano*

Samuel Francis and Thomas Williams arr. Bill Galliford, Ethan Neuburg, Tod Edmonds

Doxology

UMH 95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost! Amen

Offertory Prayer

From your hands, O God, come the blessings that make life possible, even the very gift of life itself. In gratitude and thanks, receive from our hands this portion of our labors. By your Spirit's leading, may we use these gifts to bless the life of others with the assurance of love, the promise of hope, and the course of justice. This we do to your glory. Amen.

Closing Hymn

Hope of the World

UMH 178 Vs., 1,2 &5

Hope of the world, O Christ of great compassion: speak to our fearful hearts by conflict rent; save us, your people, from consuming passion, who by our own false hopes and aims are spent.

Hope of the world, God's gift from highest heaven, bringing to hungry souls the bread of life: still let your Spirit unto us be given to heal earth's wounds and end her bitter strife.

Hope of the world, O Christ, o'er death victorious, who by this sign did conquer grief and pain: we would be faithful to your gospel glorious; you are our Lord, and you forever reign!

Benediction

Rev. Dr. Debra Murray

Sung Response

On Eagle's Wings

UMH 143

And God will raise you up on eagles' wings, bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of God's hand.

Postlude

Blessed Assurance

arr. Karen Kuehmann

John Whitecar, Euphonium / Nancy Whitecar, Piano

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Ann Duncan

God of life, present and promised, you are the One to whom we call: for you are the One who hears, and you are the One who acts, bringing us new life with your grace and love and power.

Lead us in this time of worship, that we may be prepared to follow your lead in places where life is at risk—
places where hope seems far away,
places where dreams feel surrendered.

Forgive us, O God, when we stop seeing the world the way you seek it to be. Forgive us, Holy One, when we forsake lively and risky faith. Help us to hear anew your calling to be agents of change in our ever-changing world.

Renew us with your grace and ground us with your Spirit, that we might be empowered to live, in word and deed, as testimonies to the power of your love over darkness and despair.

As a community of faith we feel confident to lift our concerns as well as our great thanksgiving to you.

Hear our needs and joys as we share them with you:

Lord, hear our prayers and act in our lives. Help us live the teachings we proclaim within this time of worship. It is through Jesus Christ our Lord, we pray aloud together...

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For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the Glory forever. Amen