

*Our Mission:  
Love God  
Love Others  
Make Disciples*



*Our Vision:  
Be the hands  
and feet  
of Christ*

**March 14, 2021  
Order of Worship  
Fourth Sunday of Lent  
UMCOR Sunday  
March Celebrates Women's History Month**

Prelude  
Greeting

Call to Worship

At a time when humankind had exhausted its own efforts to know and be known by God, the Word became flesh and lived among us. Jesus came to us; God with us, revealing God to us.

**Jesus came to us, the ultimate act of hospitality.**

Jesus remained with us for a time, in spite of our dull understanding and willful acts against God. He emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. He humbled himself and submitted to the humiliation of death on a cross.

**Jesus came to us in the ultimate act of self-sacrifice.**

Jesus came to us as the ultimate expression of love.

**"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life." AMEN.**

Opening Prayer

Great Triune God,  
we have gathered here in your name  
as an act of faith,  
believing that you are not only among us,  
but that you love us.  
It is often hard to recognize your love,  
see your mercy, and feel your presence.  
Help us today in our worship,  
that we might be transparent to your grace,  
as you reveal yourself to each one of us. **AMEN.**

Opening Hymn

*O Sacred Head, Now Wounded*

UMH 286, vs. 1 & 2

**O sacred Head, now wounded,  
with grief and shame weighed down,  
now scornfully surrounded  
with thorns, thine only crown:  
how pale thou art with anguish,  
with sore abuse and scorn!  
How does that visage languish  
which once was bright as morn!**

**What thou, my Lord, has suffered  
was all for sinners' gain;  
mine, mine was the transgression,  
but thine the deadly pain.  
Lo, here I fall, my Savior!  
'Tis I deserve thy place;  
look on me with thy favor,  
vouchsafe to me thy grace.**

Wonder Women of the Bible Moment

“Esther”, Presented by Gail Blythe

Concerns of the Community

Pastoral Prayer

Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

UMH 881

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth;  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord:  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried;  
the third day he rose from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. AMEN.**

Hymn

*O Love Divine, What Hast Thou Done*

UMH 287, v. 1 & 3

**O Love divine, what has thou done!  
The immortal God hath died for me!  
The Father's coeternal Son  
bore all my sins upon the tree.  
Th' immortal God for me hath died:  
My Lord, my Love, is crucified!**

**Behold him, all ye that pass by,  
the bleeding Prince of life and peace!  
Come, sinners, see your Savior die,  
and say, "Was ever grief like his?"  
Come, feel with me his blood applied:  
My Lord, my Love, is crucified!**

Young Disciples' Time

Jay Marsh

Anthem

*Cares Chorus*

Scripture Reading

John 3:14-21

And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.”

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

**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

“The Ultimate Sacrifice”

Pastor Orr

**What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,  
 what wondrous love is this, O my soul!  
 What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss  
 to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,  
 to bear the dreadful curse for my soul.**

**What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,  
 what wondrous love is this, O my soul!  
 What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of life  
 to lay aside his crown for my soul, for my soul  
 to lay a side his crown for my soul.**

Benediction

Today's Worship Leaders

Preacher ..... Pastor Freddie Orr  
 Liturgist ..... Valerie Orr  
 Music Director ..... David Forbus  
 Accompanist ..... Laura Benton  
 A/V Team..... Cary Marsalis, Jay Marsh  
 ..... Theodore Sappore

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