

Order of Worship, March 24, 2024, Palm Sunday 11:00 a.m.

Sacred Places: A Pilgrimage of Promise

A Cantata Inspired by Early American Song

presented by the Covenant Chancel Choir and Guest Instrumentalists

Welcome Rev. MaryAnn Piccioni

Prelude *Prelude* Ridgecrest/Joseph Martin

Processional Hymn *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna* UMH 278

Lighting Of the Candles Acolytes

Palm Procession Children

Call to Confession Cynthia Prescott

As we watch the gates open for Jesus' triumphant entry,
let us open the gates of our own hearts
that we may confess, with all honesty,
the sin that resides within.

Prayer of Confession Cynthia Prescott and Congregation

Triumphant God,
we join the crowd today,
cheering your entry into our lives.
But how quickly we turn from shouts of joy to taunts of hatred.
Instead of greeting you when the going gets tough,
we choose to greet you only when it is convenient for us.
In the moments when tough choices have to be made,
we build walls to keep people out
instead of bigger tables to invite more guests.
We, the builders of these walls,
have rejected you, the chief cornerstone.
Give us courage to build tables instead of walls.
Give us strength to accept your call upon our lives.
Give us righteousness that we might know the difference
between what is easy and what is right. Amen.

Rev. Stephen M. Fearing, M. DIV., M.A.R.T

Response *Kyrie Eleison* A. Dvorak/R.E. Schram TFWS 2275

Passing of the Peace

The Offering

Offering Prayer Rev. Dr. Latricia Scriven

Offertory *Sunrise* J. Martin Instrumental Ensemble

Doxology UMH 95

***Sacred Places, by Joseph Martin**

The River Jordan

Songs from the River

Narrator: Stephanie Corry

Soloists: Cynthia Jordan & Connie Zeigler

The Wedding at Cana

Come and Hear the Wondrous Story

Narrator: Cynthia Jordan

The Pool of Bethesda

My Song in the Night

Narrator: Doug Garthwait

Soloists: Emily Andrews & Peggy Wright

Jerusalem

Lift Up Your Heads, Jerusalem

Narrator: Gary Eggebraaten

The Upper Room

The Remembering

Narrator: Connie Zeigler

Soloist: Debbie Eggebraaten

The Garden of Gethsemane

The Midnight Garden

Narrator: Brandon LaReau

Golgotha

A Green Hill Far Away

Narrator: Doris Henderson

Soloist: Sophia Gannaoui

The Garden of Resurrection

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

Narrator: Casey Fernandes

Benediction

Rev. Dr. Latricia Scriven

Violin- Mari Stanton and Alex Roes

Viola- Abby Felde

Cello- Natalie Taunton

Bass- Layla Feaster

*Our Cantata is a continuous musical work presented to the glory of God.
Please hold applause until the finale, when we declare, "Alleluia! Christ is Risen!"

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