

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome to Church Hill United Methodist Church!
As we gather in a spirit of worship, we respectfully request that all worshippers be seated
and refrain from speaking once the prelude music begins.

PRELUDE

The Gift of Love

WELCOME AND GOD AT WORK IN OUR CHURCH

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 103:8, 10-11, Common English Bible)

Pastor: The Lord is compassionate and merciful, very patient, and full of faithful love...He doesn't deal with us according to our sin or repay us according to our wrongdoing,

People: because as high as heaven is above the earth, that's how large God's faithful love is for those who honor him.

OPENING HYMN *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* UMH #400

PRAYER REQUESTS AND PASTORAL PRAYER ~ *If you have a prayer request, please wait for the usher to hand you the microphone so that persons watching from home can clearly hear your request.*

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.

GLORIA PATRI UMH #70

Listening to God's Story

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Guide us, O God, by your Word, and Holy Spirit, that in your light we may see light, in your truth find freedom, and in your will discover peace; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

John 11:1-45 (NRSV)

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather, it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble because the light is not in them." After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him." The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right." Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

In response to the Word, you are invited to sing "Majesty, Worship His Majesty" (UMH #176)

When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary and told her privately, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house consoling her saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping and the Jews

who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

Many of the Jews, therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did believed in him.

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GOOD NEWS

Rev. Nicholas Perez

Sharing Our Lives with God in Thanksgiving

OFFERTORY *How Deep the Father's Love for Us* Dan Spahn

DOXOLOGY UMH #94

OFFERTORY PRAYER

HYMN *Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone* UMH #424

SENDING FORTH WITH BLESSING

POSTLUDE *Bless the Lord*

All are invited to quietly remain and enjoy the postlude. If you must leave before the music ends, please do so quietly.

WORSHIP SERVANTS

* Church Council Chair: Harriet Loring
* Scripture Reader: Leann Cavicchi
* Preacher: Rev. Nicholas Perez

* Organist: Dan Spahn
* Usher: Betsy Adams

WELCOME

CHURCH HILL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH MARCH 26, 2023

5TH SUNDAY IN LENT ~ 10:00 AM

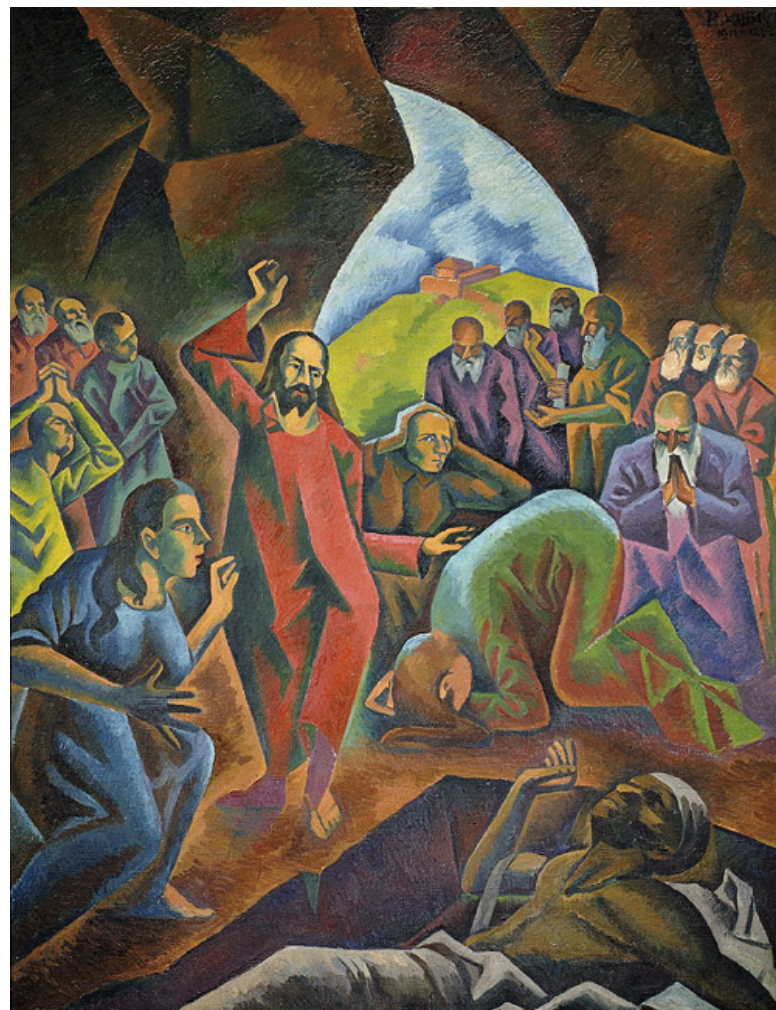


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