



March 30, 2025



Youth Sunday

Risking Rejection

WELCOME

PRELUDE *Gabriel's Oboe* Morricone
Heidi Krug

CALL TO WORSHIP Emily Pike
Come, all you who are searching for hope and purpose-
We are here, ready to meet with God!
Come with your questions, your doubts, your dreams
and your fears-
**We bring it all before God, trusting God
will meet us here.**

The God who created you sees you.
The God who loves you knows you.
The God who calls you is here!
**We open our hearts and lift our voices to
the One who gives life and hope.**

Let us not be distracted, drop the weight of the week,
and step into God's presence with joy and freedom!
We are ready to worship!

SONG *Praise You Anywhere*
Fielding/Lake/Bentley/Sooter

Sometimes you've gotta dance through the darkness
Sing through the fire
Praise when it don't make sense
Sometimes you've gotta stare down the giant
Worship from the lion's den
Sometimes you've gotta shout it from the mountain
Louder in the valley
Trusting that He's gonna get you there
Sometimes you've gotta welcome the wonder
Wait for the answer
Worship with your hands in the air
I'll praise You anywhere

Praise, give Him praise, give Him praise in the highest
Praise, give Him praise, give Him praise in the highest
He is worthy, yes, He is worthy of all of the praise

Sometimes you've gotta praise in the prison
Cry out to heaven
Shout it 'til the doors swing wide
Sometimes you've gotta stand on your shackles
Brave in the battle
Worship with your hands held high
I'll praise You anywhere

Faithful all my life, blessings day and night
Countless reasons why I'll praise You anywhere
Every promise kept, goodness every step
Each and every breath, I'll praise You anywhere [x2]

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Lord, it is so hard to not be afraid. Sometimes our fear
makes us less compassionate and more judgmental.
We think we can ward off getting hurt by holding
back, unwilling to risk putting ourselves out there for
the sake of love. Forgive us, O God. Encourage us to
extravagant acts of love, especially when we are
frightened. You entered our story through Jesus, now
help us to enter fully into the story of your kin-dom on
earth as it is in heaven. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF FAITH Gabriel Shappell Smith
Know this: There is no limit on love. Love doesn't run out,
and you can start giving more of it anytime. You are
forgiven and freed, encouraged and loved by a God
who wants you to live fully. Let us enter the passion of
Christ, and pass the peace of Christ with each other.

SIGNS OF PEACE AND UNITY IN CHRIST

PASSING OF THE FRIENDSHIP FOLDERS

MESSAGE FOR GROWING CHRISTIANS
Catherine Clark, Jillian Joslin, Jacqueline Rush

SUNG RESPONSE *Jesus Loves Me*

OPPORTUNITIES FOR FELLOWSHIP, GROWTH,
AND SERVICE

SONG *The Cost* Rend Collective
I'm saying yes to You and no to my desires,
I'll leave myself behind and follow You.
I'll walk the narrow road, 'cause it leads me to You,
I'll fall, but grace will pick me up again.

I've counted up the cost,
Oh, I've counted up the cost,
Yes, I've counted up the cost,
And You are worth it.

I do not need safety as much as I need You,
You're dangerous but Lord, You're beautiful.
I'll chase You through the pain, I'll carry my cross,
'Cause real love is not afraid to bleed.

Jesus, take my all, take my everything.
I've counted up the cost and You're worth everything.
[x2]

SCRIPTURE

Ezekiel Shappell Smith
Mark 14:3-9

While he was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he sat at the table, a woman came with an alabaster jar of very costly ointment of nard, and she broke open the jar and poured the ointment on his head. But some were there who said to one another in anger, "Why was the ointment wasted in this way? For this ointment could have been sold for more than three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor." And they scolded her. But Jesus said, "Let her alone; why do you trouble her? She has performed a good service for me. For you always have the poor with you, and you can show kindness to them whenever you wish, but you will not always have me. She has done what she could; she has anointed my body beforehand for its burial. Truly I tell you, wherever the good news is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in remembrance of her."

This is the Word of the Lord...

Thanks be to God.

DRAMATIC READING/SKIT *Based on John 12:1-11* Jake Joslin, Jill Joslin, Heidi Krug, Zach Lynn, Emily Pike, Zeke Shappell Smith, Gabe Shappell Smith, Eddie Sims, Bruno Streit

MESSAGE *Risking Rejection* Bruno Streit

TIME OF PRAYER Zach Lynn
Lord, as we step out, we know there is a possibility of rejection, and we ask for your strength and courage to face it. Help us to trust in your plan, even when it feels uncertain. Grant us the resilience to bounce back from setbacks and the faith to know that your love is always present. May we be a beacon of hope and kindness, regardless of the outcome.

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.

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OFFERTORY

Fires
St. Cyr/Nordhoff/Kuiper

OFFERING PRAYER

SONG FOR SENDING FORTH no. 133
Leaning On the Everlasting Arms

BENEDICTION

Jake Joslin, Heidi Krug, Eddie Sims

Go now, with eyes open wide, to see the brushstrokes of the Divine Artist in your days. In the stories you carry, in the ones unfolding around you, in the heartbreak and healing, the sorrow and song. May this season of Lent be a sacred frame, drawing your gaze to the holy hidden in plain sight—a simple moment turned significant, a fleeting breath filled with meaning. And as you walk this journey with attention and intention, may you be blessed by the love that shapes you, the grace that holds you, and the hope that leads you home.

Amen.

GO IN PEACE

Bold text indicates congregational response

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS
Youth Director: Cory Smith
Youth Leaders: Allen Keller, Stephanie Krug, Brian Krug, Pete Rozea, Brad Rush, Jackie Rush, Tony Sims
Ushers: Josh Josiin and other youth
Live Stream Team: CC Clark, Jake Joslin, Brad Rush, Jacqueline Rush

ENTERING THE PASSION OF JESUS

PICTURING OURSELVES IN THE STORY



2025 Lenten Sermon Series

- Week 1 - The Parade: Risking Reputation
- Week 2 - The Temple: Risking Righteous Anger
- Week 3 - The Teaching: Risking Challenge
- Week 4 - Youth Sunday: Risking Rejection
- Week 5 - The Last Supper: Risking the Loss of Friends
- Week 6 - Palm Sunday, Chancel Choir Cantata at 8:45 AM.



Find Yourself in the Story – A Special Invitation

In the Gathering Space, you'll notice a large frame—this is the image anchoring our current sermon series, inviting us to find ourselves in the story of faith. Like the angel wings from Advent, we invite you to step into the frame and take your picture!

Over the next several weeks, Emily Garbenis will be capturing photos to create a special mosaic that will be unveiled on Easter—a beautiful reminder that together, we make up the body of Christ. Join in and be part of this meaningful visual journey!



EASTER FLOWERS

Decorate the church this Easter in honor of or in memory of a loved one.

The cost of each plant is \$15.

Choose a lily (5-blooms) or tulips (8 bulb plant, various colors). You can also give a mission gift that will go to support this year's Youth Summer Service Trip.

Order cards were mailed.

You can also pick one up in the Gathering Area.

Orders must be placed **by April 9th.**



Sunday, April 6 at 10AM

As we journey through our Lenten series, *Entering the Passion of Jesus: Picturing Ourselves in the Story*, the artwork in our worship space has invited us

to pause, reflect, and see the story of Jesus' final days in new ways. We invite you to a special gathering to explore these powerful visual expressions more deeply. **Martina Keogan** will guide us in reflecting on the artwork that has been a companion to our Lenten worship. Together, we'll consider not only the art itself, but also the artists behind the pieces and the ways their creativity helps open our hearts to God's story. Whether you've noticed a particular piece that stirred something in you or you're simply curious to learn more, this will be a meaningful time of looking, listening, and learning. All are welcome!

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, March 30

- 8:45 AM - Worship
- 10:00 AM - Sunday School
- 2 yrs - Grade-5 (4,5),
- Grades 6-12 (YR),
- Adults (Chapel, 7, 12)
- 11:00 AM - Worship Café
- 6:00 PM - El Buen Worship
- 6:00 PM - Youth Group

Monday, March 31

- 7:00 PM - Disciple 4 (Zoom)
- 7:00 PM - Narcotics Anonymous
- 7:00 PM - El Buen Men/Women
- 7:30 PM - Boy Scouts

Tuesday, April 1

- 1:00 PM - Sunshine Memory Café
- 6:30 PM - United Women in Faith
- 7:00 PM - Trustees

Wednesday, April 2

- 7:30 AM - Men's Bible Study
- 9:30 AM - Women's Bible Study
- 5:45 PM - Wednesday Night Out
- 6:00 PM - Stephen Ministry Training
- 6:30 PM - Digital Disciple
- 6:30 PM - Prayer Journey Group
- 6:30 PM - Children's Choir
- 7:15 PM - Praise Band

7:30 PM - Carillon Choir

Thursday, April 3

6:30 PM - Chancel Choir

Saturday, April 5

9:00 AM - Church Clean-up Day

