Welcome to the 10:45 Worship Service March 30, 2025

Fourth Sunday in Lent

We are glad you're here... You are loved by God and we are honored that you've chosen to worship with us. It is our prayer that you experience the presence, power and love of Jesus in this place today.

Please register your attendance... Use the red attendance notepad located on your row of seating to help us track attendance and to follow up with our first time guests. If you are our guest today, please consider including your mailing address, email and / or phone number as you complete the registration of attendance.

Worship With Children... God put the wiggle in children; don't feel you have to suppress it in God's house. All are welcome! Take advantage of the Cry Room located in the Narthex and our loving, quality nursery care for infants through 4 year olds.

Sunday Schedule

8:30 The Bridge Worship Service in the Sanctuary

9:30 Sunday School and Fellowship Groups

10:45 Traditional Worship Service in the Sanctuary

11:00 11th Hour Worship Service in Celebration Hall



Love. Worship. Witness.

God's People Gather

Please stand to worship if you are able, where the cross appears (♥).

Throughout this program the congregation will be invited to read "responsively," the **bold** texts.

Prelude Near the Cross Jane Hays Smith by W.H. Doane/G. Sewell

Opening Rev. Cynthia Young

"Awake, O sleeper, and rise from the dead,

and Christ will shine on you." (Eph 5:14)

"You have nothing to do but to **save souls**; therefore spend and be spent in this work." (John Wesley)

We Welcome Our Guests & Share Announcements

Rev. Cynthia Young

 ♦ Call to Worship
 Megan McCracken

We love you, Lord. You hear us. You listen to our prayers.

You have always heard us whenever we've called to you.

Though death tries to bind us and the gates of hell open before us,

we will call on the Lord's name for deliverance.

You are full of grace and righteousness.

Lord, you are full of compassion!

You have saved us and preserved us, God.

We rest in your love and care.

How can we repay you, Lord, for the gifts you've showered upon us?

We offer our thanksgiving to you before all your people!

O praise the Lord!

Praise be to God! Amen.

♦ Hymn of Praise
In the Cross of Christ I Glory
Hymnal #239

♦ Affirmation of Faith Hymnal #691

 ♦ Response of the People
 Gloria Patri
 Hymnal #33

Joys & Concerns Rev. Cynthia Young

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Megan McCracken

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 and ever. Amen.

A Time for Young Disciples

Rev. Scott Bradford

Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so. Little ones to him belong; they are weak, but he is strong. Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

Proclamation of God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Megan McCracken

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that what we hear in your Word today may shape us more and more into the very likeness of our Savior, Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

♦ Gospel Reading

Matthew 26:31-56

Megan McCracken

The Word of God.

Thanks be to God.

<u>♦ Hymn</u>

Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross

Hymnal #241

Sermon

Denial, Betrayal and Arrest

Rev. Scott Bradford

God's People Respond to the Word

<u>Offertory</u>

O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus by Trevor Manor

Sanctuary Choir

Receiving of Tithes and Offerings

Doxology

Hymnal #682

God's People Are Sent Into the World

♦ Hymn of Invitation There Is a F

There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood

Hymnal #486

Rev. Scott Bradford

Jane Hays Smith

Penediction

<u>Postlude</u> Down at the Cross

by E.A. Hoffman/J. Bennett