

UNIVERSITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

February 21, 2021 ♦ 10:00 a.m. ♦ First Sunday in Lent

Prelude

“Élégy”

Louis Vierne

Words of Welcome

Opening Prayer

In Unison

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty! Help us to draw near to you, O God. Help us to seek your wisdom, insight, and understanding in our lives, and help us to receive your forgiveness. Help us to remember how much we have been forgiven, to hold our relationships more tenderly, and to work toward the mending of our world. May heaven and earth be full of your glory, Lord God Almighty! Amen.

Children’s Moment

Generosity Moment: *You may designate your offering via mobile phone by texting “UniversityUMC” to 77977 and choosing the General Fund or specific missions.*

Anthem

“Light of the World”
Youth Choir

Stephen Schwartz

Gospel Reading

Luke 23:32-34

The Gospel of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

“Father, Forgive Them”

The Reverend Daniel Childs

Silent Confession and Pardon

Hear the good news:

Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God’s love toward us.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

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Glory to God. Amen.

Responsively

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

... we praise your name and join their unending hymn.

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

... as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

... all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

Amen.

Responsively

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.

The Breaking of the Bread and the Taking of the Cup

The Giving

The body of Christ broken for you. **Amen.**
The blood of Christ shed for you. **Amen.**

Prayer after Communion

Closing Hymn

“Lord Who Throughout These Forty Days”

Hymn 269

Lord, who throughout these forty days for us didst fast and pray,
teach us with thee to mourn our sins and close by thee to stay.

As thou with Satan didst contend, and didst the victory win,
O give us strength in thee to fight, in thee to conquer sin.

As thou didst hunger bear, and thirst, so teach us, gracious Lord,
to die to self, and chiefly live by thy most holy word.

And through these days of penitence, and through thy passiontide,
yea, evermore in life and death, Jesus, with us abide.

Abide with us, that so, this life of suffering over past,
an Easter of unending joy we may attain at last.

Postlude

“Fugue in e minor”

Johann Sebastian Bach

FLOWERS

The Chancel flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory
of Jean Pender, on the fifth anniversary of her death, by Arnold Pender.

The rose and cradle cross on the altar are in honor of
Betty Gray Lavin, born July 28, 2020, to parents Lindsay and Kyle Lavin,
and big sisters Kathleen and Campbell.

