



**Welcome & Greetings**

Rev. Tonya Arnesen

**Bringing in the Light of Christ**

Chelsie & Aubrey Johnson

**Prelude**

"The Old Rugged Cross"  
*Marilynn Ham*

Audie Heydenburg; Piano

**\*Call To Worship**

Jason Craft;  
Lay Leader

One: Be still before God, and wait patiently; delight in God, who fulfills the desires of your heart.

**All: With what shall we come before God? Who is worthy to stand in God's presence?**

One: Come – not in your wisdom, but in humility. Come – not to boast, but to learn.

**All: We come without power or pretension; we bring our weaknesses more than our strength.**

One: Consider your call, and commit your way to God; trust in God to grant you light and new life.

**All: Our life is in Christ, through whom we are saved.**

**\*Opening Hymn**

"Lift High The Cross"

Hymnal No. 159

**Opening Prayer**

Jason Craft

**O God, whose foolishness is wiser than our wisdom, and whose weakness is stronger than our strength, draw us to yourself. We delight in the abundance of prosperity with which you have blessed us. Even more, we delight in the gifts we have received in Christ Jesus. In our worship, draw us into His presence, that we might be shaped and transformed by his sacrificial love. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.**

**First Lesson**

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

Jason Craft

**Anthem**

"Arise, My Soul, Arise"  
*Dan Forrest*

Belle Canto

**Children's Welcome Song**

*As the children come forward, let us join in singing O How I Love Jesus - Hymnal No. 170*

***There is a name I love to hear,  
I love to sing its worth;  
it sounds like music in my ear,  
the sweetest name on earth.***

*Refrain:*

***O how I love Jesus,  
O how I love Jesus,  
O how I love Jesus,  
because he first loved me!***

**Sermon on the Steps**

Rev. Tonya Arnesen

**Ministry Moment**

Chad Noble;  
Generosity Team

**Offertory Invitation**  
**Prayer of Dedication**

Rev. Tonya Arnesen

**We bring our gifts in grateful response for your saving gifts to us, Merciful God. They are expressions of love in answer to the love you have shown to us in so many ways. Thank you for the Savior who has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows. Receive us now as disciples of good news and bearers of your love. We dedicate ourselves and all we have to offer. Amen**

**Anthem**

"In The Name of The Lord"  
*arr. Mary McDonald*

Journeymen

**Silent Reflection**

**Pastoral Prayer**

Rev. Tonya Arnesen

**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.**

**\*Hymn of Preparation**

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

Hymnal No. 299

**\*Gospel Lesson**

Mark 15:22-39

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**Sermon**

*Why Do We Need the Cross?*  
#4 in series: *Who Do YOU Say That I Am?*

Rev. Tonya Arnesen

**\*Affirmation from 1 Corinthians 15:1-6 & Colossians 1:15-20**

Hymnal No. 888

**\*Hymn of Response**

"Ask Ye What Great Thing I Know"

Hymnal No. 163

**\*Benediction & Sending Forth**  
**Taking out the Light of Christ**

Rev. Tonya Arnesen

**Postlude**

*Please see the MUSIC BOX*

"God of the Sparrow"  
*arr. Craig Courtney*

Belle Canto & Journeymen  
Donna Brooks; Piano

*\*Please stand as you are comfortable*

*\*You are invited and encouraged to join us in Friendship Hall after worship for a time of refreshments and fellowship.*

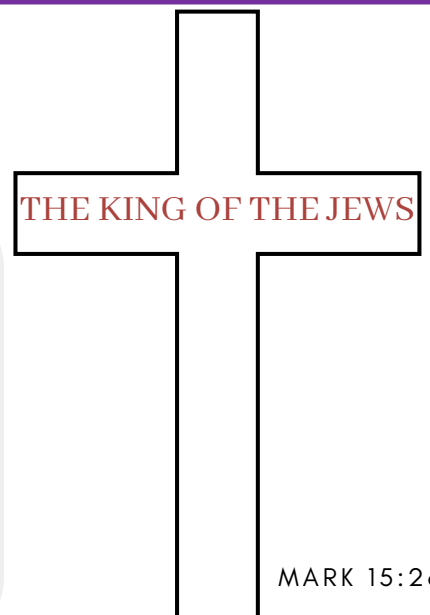
*Holy Week Wishlist*

We are looking to borrow the following items for Holy Week!

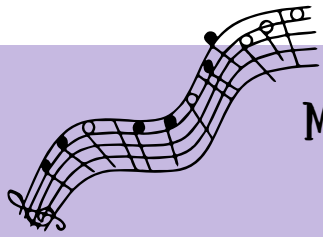
If you have any of these items, please drop them off in the Parlor & let Rev. Tonya know!

- 3 - 4 Silk Ficus Trees*
- Canvas Drop Cloths*
- 3 - 4 Large Ferns*
- Unbleached Muslin fabric*

*Please label any items you loan to the church for easy return*



**Accessibility & Welcome:** We are happy to provide listening devices for the hearing impaired, and a play space in Crush Hall for toddlers during worship. The nursery is currently unstaffed but the room is open and available for you and your little one. Please ask an usher if you need help finding any of these.



## MUSIC BOX

We welcome our two select vocal ensembles in our worship this morning. Belle Canto has been singing together since 2006, with many of its members original to the group. Donna Brooks is their accompanist. Journeymen was formed during the Covid shut-down in 2020. Audie Heydenburg is their accompanist. We thank them for their music today and are happy to combine them for our Postlude, “God of the Sparrow.” The opening line is especially fitting...

*“God of the Sparrow, sing through us songs of deliverance, songs of peace. Helpless we seek you, God of Joy, quiet our troubles, bid them cease.”*



Color Coding Key:  
Zoom  
**Special Location**  
275 W Michigan Ave

**Monday, March 20**  
10:00AM **Worship**  
7:30PM **Evening Prayer**

**Tuesday, March 21**  
10:00AM Bible Study  
11:00AM Staff Meeting  
5:30PM Leadership Board

**Wednesday, March 22**  
9:00AM **Faith Walk**  
9:30AM Quilters  
10:00AM **Bible study**  
5:00PM Grace Notes  
6:00PM Carillon Ringers  
7:00PM Chancel Choir

**Thursday, March 23**  
4:30PM Journeymen

**Friday, March 24**  
9:30AM After School Pack  
Program

**Sunday, March 26**  
9:15AM Adult Sunday School  
10:30AM Worship  
10:45AM Children's Sunday  
School  
2:00PM **Worship**

Next Sunday's Worship Topic:  
**March 26** - The Prince and the Pauper  
#5 in Lenten series: *Who do YOU Say I Am?*

Flowers in the church are given:



to the Glory of God  
in memory of  
*Helen Duesings's birthday*  
by her children

**March 12**

Worship Attendance

In-Person: 119

Youtube: 94

Vista Grande Villa: 6

Countryside: n/a

Trellis @ Vista: n/a



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**Monday - Thursday  
9AM - 3PM**

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*Let people know you are worshipping with us by checking in on social media!*

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# WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

MARCH 19, 2023

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We are starting a ministry for our moms and little ones! Join us on **Saturday, March 25 from 10AM-12PM** to meet other moms, little ones, and receive support, encouragement & friends who get it. Being a mom is challenging but we can help each other. All moms & little ones are welcome. RSVP to Torri Meunier.

## WALK THROUGH HOLY WEEK



Join us **Thursday, April 6** for an intergenerational, multi-sensory worship experience. Beginning with a catered dinner at 6:00PM, participants will walk through 5 stations on the church's main level, which depict scenes from Jesus' final days on earth: the Parade of Palms as he entered Jerusalem, his Last Supper with the disciples, his anguished prayer in the Garden of Gethsemane, his death sentence at Pilate's Palace, his Crucifixion on the hill of Golgotha, his burial in Joseph's Tomb. Take this journey with family and friends, or journey alone; move at your own pace. Enter into the Holy Week Story and let the great love of Jesus -- and his ultimate sacrifice for YOU -- enliven your mind, awaken your senses and flood your heart with gratitude. Please make your dinner reservations with the Church Office no later than Monday, April 3rd.



As a way to celebrate Christ's gift of NEW LIFE through the resurrection, the leaders of our Finance and Generosity Teams have challenged us to raise \$10,000 in a Second Mile Easter Offering. Proceeds will support 5 of the ambitious new ministries our Action Teams are taking on in 2023: a facelift for our Michigan Ave welcoming area (*Wesley Hall*); a portable sound system and video camera to improve communication and enhance our worship and congregational life; a Christian Concert series to promote community outreach; additional items (*like new socks*) to be included in every backpack we give away during our Back-to-School Blast. Begin planning now, to make your "Second Mile" gift and watch your announcements as we share details about these special projects we want to accomplish. *Second Mile Easter Offering* envelopes will be available after March 19th.