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*"... Seeking justice,  
loving kindness, and  
walking humbly with  
God!" - Micah 6:8*



**"Living into Beloved Community through Christ"  
Palm Passion Sunday  
Sunday, April 5, 2020**

**PRELUDE** "In the Cross of Christ I Glory" RATHBUN, Ithamar Conkey (1815-67)  
Jordan Ortman, piano Arr. Jan Sanborn

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS** Matthias Krier  
*Welcome to worship this morning as we celebrate Palm Passion Sunday.*

**PRAYER OF INVOCATION** Lisa Carr

**JESUS' ENTRANCE INTO JERUSALEM** Mark 11:1-11 Julia Krause

<sup>11</sup>When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples <sup>2</sup>and said to them, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. <sup>3</sup>If anyone says to you, "Why are you doing this?" just say this, "The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately." ' <sup>4</sup>They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, <sup>5</sup>some of the bystanders said to them, 'What are you doing, untying the colt?' <sup>6</sup>They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. <sup>7</sup>Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. <sup>8</sup>Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. <sup>9</sup>Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, 'Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! <sup>10</sup>Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!

11 Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

This ends our reading of scripture. Amen.

HYMN # 280

“All Glory, Laud, and Honor” (video)

## CANDLE LIGHTING COMMUNITY PRAYERS

Matthias Krier

You are invited to light a candle in your home as you lift up a prayer for family, community or world. You may also use the chat function on Zoom to share your prayers with our community. Please don't forget to blow out your candle at the conclusion of today's service.

## SPECIAL MUSIC

“O Sacred Head Now Wounded”

PASSION CHORALE

Jordan Ortman, piano

Hans Leo Hassler (1564-1612)

Arr. Paul A. Tate

## PASTORAL PRAYER

### PRAYER OF JESUS

**Our Mother and Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy names. 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.**

## INTRODUCTION TO SCRIPTURE READING

Matthias Krier

As United Methodists, we affirm the Wesleyan Quadrilateral:

**The living core of the Christian faith is revealed in scripture, illumined by tradition, confirmed with reason and made real in personal experience.**

*(The United Methodist Book of Discipline)*

## THE PASSION STORY

### PROCLAMATION

Mark 14:1-25

Jean Hodges

14It was two days before the Passover and the festival of Unleavened Bread. The chief priests and the scribes were looking for a way to arrest Jesus\* by stealth and kill him; <sup>2</sup>for they said, ‘Not during the festival, or there may be a riot among the people.’

3 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. <sup>4</sup>But some were there who said to one another in anger, ‘Why was the ointment wasted in this way? <sup>5</sup>For this ointment could

have been sold for more than three hundred denarii,\* and the money given to the poor.’ And they scolded her. <sup>6</sup>But Jesus said, ‘Let her alone; why do you trouble her? She has performed a good service for me. <sup>7</sup>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. <sup>8</sup>She has done what she could; she has anointed my body beforehand for its burial. <sup>9</sup>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.’

<sup>10</sup> Then Judas Iscariot, who was one of the twelve, went to the chief priests in order to betray him to them. <sup>11</sup>When they heard it, they were greatly pleased, and promised to give him money. So he began to look for an opportunity to betray him.

<sup>12</sup> On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb is sacrificed, his disciples said to him, ‘Where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?’ <sup>13</sup>So he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, ‘Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you; follow him, <sup>14</sup>and wherever he enters, say to the owner of the house, “The Teacher asks, Where is my guest room where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?” <sup>15</sup>He will show you a large room upstairs, furnished and ready. Make preparations for us there.’ <sup>16</sup>So the disciples set out and went to the city, and found everything as he had told them; and they prepared the Passover meal.

<sup>17</sup> When it was evening, he came with the twelve. <sup>18</sup>And when they had taken their places and were eating, Jesus said, ‘Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me, one who is eating with me.’ <sup>19</sup>They began to be distressed and to say to him one after another, ‘Surely, not I?’ <sup>20</sup>He said to them, ‘It is one of the twelve, one who is dipping bread\* into the bowl\* with me. <sup>21</sup>For the Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that one by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that one not to have been born.’

<sup>22</sup> While they were eating, he took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to them, and said, ‘Take; this is my body.’ <sup>23</sup>Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, and all of them drank from it. <sup>24</sup>He said to them, ‘This is my blood of the\* covenant, which is poured out for many. <sup>25</sup>Truly I tell you, I will never again drink of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God.

## SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

### SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark 14:26-50

Jon Kottke

<sup>26</sup> When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. <sup>27</sup>And Jesus said to them, ‘You will all become deserters; for it is written, “I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered.”

<sup>28</sup>But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee.’ <sup>29</sup>Peter said to him, ‘Even though all become deserters, I will not.’ <sup>30</sup>Jesus said to him, ‘Truly I tell you, this day, this very night, before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times.’ <sup>31</sup>But he said vehemently, ‘Even though I must die with you, I will not deny you.’ And all of them said the same.

<sup>32</sup> They went to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples, ‘Sit here while I pray.’ <sup>33</sup>He took with him Peter and James and John, and began to be distressed and agitated. <sup>34</sup>And he said to them, ‘I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and

keep awake.’<sup>35</sup> And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him.<sup>36</sup> He said, ‘Abba,\* Father, for you all things are possible; remove this cup from me; yet, not what I want, but what you want.’<sup>37</sup> He came and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, ‘Simon, are you asleep? Could you not keep awake one hour?’<sup>38</sup> Keep awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial;\* the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.’<sup>39</sup> And again he went away and prayed, saying the same words.<sup>40</sup> And once more he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy; and they did not know what to say to him.<sup>41</sup> He came a third time and said to them, ‘Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? Enough! The hour has come; the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners.’<sup>42</sup> Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand.’

<sup>43</sup> Immediately, while he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; and with him there was a crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders.<sup>44</sup> Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, ‘The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him and lead him away under guard.’<sup>45</sup> So when he came, he went up to him at once and said, ‘Rabbi!’ and kissed him.<sup>46</sup> Then they laid hands on him and arrested him.<sup>47</sup> But one of those who stood near drew his sword and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear.<sup>48</sup> Then Jesus said to them, ‘Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a bandit? <sup>49</sup>Day after day I was with you in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me. But let the scriptures be fulfilled.’<sup>50</sup> All of them deserted him and fled.

## SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

### SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark 14:53-72

Lisa Dixon

<sup>53</sup> They took Jesus to the high priest; and all the chief priests, the elders, and the scribes were assembled.<sup>54</sup> Peter had followed him at a distance, right into the courtyard of the high priest; and he was sitting with the guards, warming himself at the fire.<sup>55</sup> Now the chief priests and the whole council were looking for testimony against Jesus to put him to death; but they found none.<sup>56</sup> For many gave false testimony against him, and their testimony did not agree.<sup>57</sup> Some stood up and gave false testimony against him, saying,<sup>58</sup> ‘We heard him say, “I will destroy this temple that is made with hands, and in three days I will build another, not made with hands.”’<sup>59</sup> But even on this point their testimony did not agree.<sup>60</sup> Then the high priest stood up before them and asked Jesus, ‘Have you no answer? What is it that they testify against you?’<sup>61</sup> But he was silent and did not answer. Again the high priest asked him, ‘Are you the Messiah,\* the Son of the Blessed One?’<sup>62</sup> Jesus said, ‘I am; and “you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of the Power”, and “coming with the clouds of heaven.”’

<sup>63</sup> Then the high priest tore his clothes and said, ‘Why do we still need witnesses? <sup>64</sup>You have heard his blasphemy! What is your decision?’ All of them condemned him as deserving death.<sup>65</sup> Some began to spit on him, to blindfold him, and to strike him, saying to him, ‘Prophesy!’ The guards also took him over and beat him.

<sup>66</sup> While Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the servant-girls of the high priest came by.<sup>67</sup> When she saw Peter warming himself, she stared at him and said, ‘You also were with Jesus, the man from Nazareth.’<sup>68</sup> But he denied it, saying, ‘I do not know or

understand what you are talking about.’ And he went out into the forecourt. \* Then the cock crowed.\* <sup>69</sup>And the servant-girl, on seeing him, began again to say to the bystanders, ‘This man is one of them.’ <sup>70</sup>But again he denied it. Then after a little while the bystanders again said to Peter, ‘Certainly you are one of them; for you are a Galilean.’ <sup>71</sup>But he began to curse, and he swore an oath, ‘I do not know this man you are talking about.’ <sup>72</sup>At that moment the cock crowed for the second time. Then Peter remembered that Jesus had said to him, ‘Before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times.’ And he broke down and wept.

## SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

### SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark 15:1-20

Matthias Krier

<sup>15</sup>As soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council. They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate. <sup>2</sup>Pilate asked him, ‘Are you the King of the Jews?’ He answered him, ‘You say so.’ <sup>3</sup>Then the chief priests accused him of many things. <sup>4</sup>Pilate asked him again, ‘Have you no answer? See how many charges they bring against you.’ <sup>5</sup>But Jesus made no further reply, so that Pilate was amazed.

<sup>6</sup> Now at the festival he used to release a prisoner for them, anyone for whom they asked. <sup>7</sup>Now a man called Barabbas was in prison with the rebels who had committed murder during the insurrection. <sup>8</sup>So the crowd came and began to ask Pilate to do for them according to his custom. <sup>9</sup>Then he answered them, ‘Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?’ <sup>10</sup>For he realized that it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed him over. <sup>11</sup>But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release Barabbas for them instead. <sup>12</sup>Pilate spoke to them again, ‘Then what do you wish me to do\* with the man you call\* the King of the Jews?’ <sup>13</sup>They shouted back, ‘Crucify him!’ <sup>14</sup>Pilate asked them, ‘Why, what evil has he done?’ But they shouted all the more, ‘Crucify him!’ <sup>15</sup>So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

<sup>16</sup> Then the soldiers led him into the courtyard of the palace (that is, the governor’s headquarters\*); and they called together the whole cohort. <sup>17</sup>And they clothed him in a purple cloak; and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on him. <sup>18</sup>And they began saluting him, ‘Hail, King of the Jews!’ <sup>19</sup>They struck his head with a reed, spat upon him, and knelt down in homage to him. <sup>20</sup>After mocking him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him.

## SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

### SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark 15:21-37

Elliott Mickelberry

<sup>21</sup> They compelled a passer-by, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross; it was Simon of Cyrene, the father of Alexander and Rufus. <sup>22</sup>Then they brought Jesus\* to the place called Golgotha (which means the place of a skull). <sup>23</sup>And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh; but he did not take it. <sup>24</sup>And they crucified him, and divided his clothes among them, casting lots to decide what each should take.

25 It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him. <sup>26</sup>The inscription of the charge against him read, 'The King of the Jews.' <sup>27</sup>And with him they crucified two bandits, one on his right and one on his left. <sup>29</sup>Those who passed by derided\* him, shaking their heads and saying, 'Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, <sup>30</sup>save yourself, and come down from the cross!' <sup>31</sup>In the same way the chief priests, along with the scribes, were also mocking him among themselves and saying, 'He saved others; he cannot save himself. <sup>32</sup>Let the Messiah,\* the King of Israel, come down from the cross now, so that we may see and believe.' Those who were crucified with him also taunted him.

33 When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land\* until three in the afternoon. <sup>34</sup>At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice, 'Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?' which means, 'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?\*' <sup>35</sup>When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, 'Listen, he is calling for Elijah.' <sup>36</sup>And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying, 'Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down.' <sup>37</sup>Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last.

## SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

### SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark 15:38-47

Sharon Collinge

<sup>38</sup>And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. <sup>39</sup>Now when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he\* breathed his last, he said, 'Truly this man was God's Son!'

40 There were also women looking on from a distance; among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joses, and Salome.

<sup>41</sup>These used to follow him and provided for him when he was in Galilee; and there were many other women who had come up with him to Jerusalem.

42 When evening had come, and since it was the day of Preparation, that is, the day before the sabbath, <sup>43</sup>Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God, went boldly to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. <sup>44</sup>Then Pilate wondered if he were already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he had been dead for some time. <sup>45</sup>When he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the body to Joseph. <sup>46</sup>Then Joseph\* bought a linen cloth, and taking down the body,\* wrapped it in the linen cloth, and laid it in a tomb that had been hewn out of the rock. He then rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. <sup>47</sup>Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses saw where the body\* was laid.

HYMN # 286

"O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" (video)

### BENEDICTION

Matthias Krier

### POSTLUDE

"Kyrie Eleison"  
Gerald Holbrook, organ

Fritz Lubrich, Jr. (1888-1971)

## TALK BACK SESSION WITH THE COMMUNITY

We invite anyone who is wanting to have more time to discuss the scripture, or time to process what is happening around the world, to remain in our Zoom meeting following the Postlude.

*This week, as we all live into the things around us,  
let's remember to offer peace to one another.*

**Please watch your email for eblasts, or check our website or our Facebook page, for information about future church services and gatherings as the COVID-19 pandemic continues to develop.**

### **Sunday, April 12, 2020 -- Easter Sunday Worship ONLINE (from our respective homes)**

Join us for \*online\* Easter Morning worship at 10:30 am via Zoom! We are excited to celebrate Easter with you and your family, and to celebrate the connectivity of our community in the midst of care-filled physical distancing. We will have music, scripture, and celebrate as a community with a Love Feast. Check next Friday's *Pastoral Ponderings* eblast for details about how to join us for Zoom worship. If you don't currently receive the *Pastoral Ponderings* but would like to, email the church office: [office@fumcboulder.org](mailto:office@fumcboulder.org).

Scripture Lesson for Easter: John 20:1-18  
Easter Sunday Speaker: Matthias Krier  
Easter Message: "Where Have You Seen Jesus?"

**Our Vision:** To be an inclusive, progressive Christian community seeking to connect individuals and families of all generations with God's unconditional love.

**Our Mission:** As an inclusive Christian community of faith, we will celebrate our Christian beliefs through worship, fellowship and service in a safe, welcoming and supportive environment; create vital, relevant ministries for diverse generations, families and individuals; promote theological study and spiritual formation; enrich spiritual life through the arts; and encourage witness and action for a more just, loving, and peaceful world.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Attention Homes: Your Help is Needed** ~ The youth and young adults served by Attention Homes need several in-kind supply donations to help with COVID relief efforts. You can drop off nonperishables including canned and dry goods, as well as stable fruit such as bananas, clementines, oranges and apples. Paper products and cleaning supplies including Lysol wipes and hand sanitizer are also needed. Attention Homes is located at 1440 Pine Street, Suite A in Boulder. You can drop off supplies from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday in the hallway with no contact. You can also make home-made meals for Attention Homes residents; contact Mo Shirley for details on this, or with any other questions about donations: [mshirley@attentionhomes.org](mailto:mshirley@attentionhomes.org).

**Calling All Musicians** ~ If you would like to participate in our Sunday Zoom Services by contributing your musical talent, please contact Gerald Holbrook, our Director of Music: [geraldholbrook99@gmail.com](mailto:geraldholbrook99@gmail.com). All it entails is creating a video of you making music, and sending it to Gerald. This can be vocal or instrumental, or both. Solo, duet, trio, ensemble....everything is possible.

**UMW (United Methodist Women) News: Face Masks for COVID-19** ~ Do you want or need a face mask in light of the Coronavirus crisis? Days for Girls has a new campaign to make a million face masks for distribution worldwide. The local chapter that our UMW works with also received a request from several Denver health care facilities to make reusable CDC-compliant face masks. So some of our members have been making masks. We have also made several of the simple ones that we have available if you want some protection. Please email Connie Takamine ([ctakamine@msn.com](mailto:ctakamine@msn.com)), and we'll figure out how to get one to you. Also if you are interested in helping to make masks, contact Connie. Boulder Community Hospital is also requesting masks. We have some fabric and other supplies you might need. Since these are considered medical supplies, we can deliver them in compliance with the Stay-at-Home order.

**Helping Community Food Share during COVID-19** ~ Community Food Share is cordially and humbly requesting your donations for their Covid-19 Rapid Response Fund. Community Food Share is a food bank fighting hunger in Boulder and Broomfield Counties by providing access to fresh, nutritious food through their local partners and our onsite and mobile pantries. For many years, FUMC has collected food for Community Food Share every November. Like many organizations, they are in need of funds (now more than ever) to purchase food for the more than 40,000 hungry people in our community. If you are able to help with a donation, please use this link to make your gift: <http://bit.ly/COVID19CFS>.