

Those who, in the biblical phrase, would save their lives -- that is, those who want to get along, who don't want commitments, who don't want to get into problems, who want to stay outside of a situation that demands the involvement of all of us -- they will lose their lives. What a terrible thing to have lived quite comfortably, with no suffering, not getting involved in problems, quite tranquil, quite settled, with good connections politically, economically, socially -- lacking nothing, having everything. To what good? They will lose their lives.

*Oscar Romero 1917-1980, Archbishop of El Salvadore
martyred by a government death squad in 1980*

Who is this Jesus who rattles my cage and rumbles through the history of my life? This contradictory figure who proves an embarrassment and stumbling block to my mind, but who won't go away? This man who brings awe and tears to my eyes, who makes me want to resist authority when it's wrong, who points me to a God who works from the underside of every system of power?

Belden C. Lane, professor emeritus, Theological Studies, St. Louis University, 21st c.

Prayer Candles: Is there a person or relationship that needs a prayer?

Please come forward and light an individual prayer candle before our worship begins.

Greeting One Another in Peace and Friendship Welcome and Announcements

The Prelude *Mantos y Palmas (Mantles and Palms)* Avila

The Centering Silence

The Candle of Common Good Matt Powers with Nora, Grace and Owen
Our church is part of a worldwide community seeking to articulate and reaffirm the common good. We know the Holy Spirit is acting to create this kind of world. Listening and learning are sacred duties in considering the spiritual, social and relational needs of others. May we be attentive to seeing and discerning what the presence of God is doing and to follow it and add to it without fear.

The CUF Worship Team

The Intros *There's a Song in Every Silence* Natalie Sleeth
and
Ring, Bells, Ring Denise M. Owen
Middle Ringers; Rachel Dobbs, *Director*

* **The Gathering Hymn** *All Glory, Laud, and Honor* # 192

* The Call to Worship

L: Today we enter Holy Week, with its cycle of life, death, and new life.

All: Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

L: Jesus, the holy one, the whole one, enters Jerusalem. Crowds cry out!

All: Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

L: Jesus, holy one, enter the gates of our hearts today.

All: Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

L: Jesus, guide us through the streets of our journey. Open our eyes and our ears to costly faithfulness and to joyous wholeness.

**All: Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest!**

The Gathering Prayer (*unison*)

We are wayfarers, following roads to the ends of the earth.

We are pilgrims on our way to the end of the age.

We are travelers on the road to freedom, a community of grace.

We will travel lightly, travel together, learn as we go.

We are disciples. Our mission is love. The journey is long.

We travel with authority, fearful of none.

We are sent, opponents of evil, heralds of hope.

We will travel with humility, no task is too small.

We are servants. The cross is our compass. Love is our sign.

Be present with us here, O God, and even to the end of the age. Amen.

The Hebrew Scripture *Psalms 118:1-4, 14-17, 21-24* # 758

Our Lenten Journey Anon. 9th century Irish Mark Rutter trans.
Nancy Leavitt, *reader*

The Anthem *Hosanna and Hallelujah!* Kevin D. Thomas, arr. Joel Raney
Senior Choir and Middle Ringers

Time for the Child in Each of Us

Sing Our Children to Sunday School (*seated*) *Go Now In Peace* #437(twice)
Go now in peace, go now in peace, may the love of God surround you
everywhere, everywhere you may go.

The Prayer Hymn (*seated*)

The Silent Prayer and Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer New Zealand Prayer Book

**Eternal Spirit, Earth-Maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,
source of all that is and that shall be,**

Father and Mother of us all. Loving God, in whom is heaven.

The hallowing of your name echoes through the universe.

May the way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the earth.

May your heavenly will be done by all created beings.

May your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope

and come on earth.

With the bread we need for today, feed us.

In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.

In times of temptation and test, spare us.

From the grip of all that is evil, free us.

For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,

now and forever. Amen.

The Congregational Response *O Lord, hear my prayer* Taize Community

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer. When I call answer me.

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer. Come and listen to me.

The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise: All my hope comes from God.

The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise: God, the well-spring of life.

The Offering Prayer of Dedication (*unison*)

**God, whose giving knows no ending, transform our love into thought,
our thought into concern, our concern into action, and thus bring us closer to
you and make our very lives a daily witness to your love. Amen.**

The Offering and The Offertory *Draw Nigh to Thy Jerusalem* Taylor

* **The Doxology** # 715

**All praise and thanks to God our Father and our Mother,
to Christ and to the One who binds us to each other,
the one eternal God, whom earth and heaven adore,
for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.**

The Gospel Lesson *Luke 19:28-40* Mark Baker, *Liturgist*
The Sermon *And also with you.* Reverend Grenfell

* **The Parting Hymn** *Ride On, Ride On, in Majesty* # 191, vs 1, 4

* **The Benediction**

* **The Choral Benediction** *O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee* # 602, v 4
**In hope that sends a shining ray far down the future's broadening way;
in peace that only thou canst give, with thee, O Master, let me live.**

* **The Postlude** *All Glory, Laud and Honor* Smith

Today's Plate Offering

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Partners for Peace
(formerly Spruce Run)

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Bangor Area Homeless Shelter

The mission of BAHS is to provide emergency shelter and supportive services to the homeless and economically disadvantaged of the Bangor area. The facility is open 24/7 providing overnight shelter as well as a Day Program. It serves homeless adults and other low-income members of our community. The BAHS's primary purpose is to offer a form of crisis stabilization and then develop a support system to enable people to move beyond homelessness.

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