

Communion Service for April 7, 2019

A SILENT TIME OF PREPARATION

PRELUDE “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” -arr. D. Hegarty

THE PASTORAL GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GRATITUDE MOMENT – Rev. Tim Perkins
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CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT #599 “Day by Day” (*Sung by all*)

**Day by day, day by day, O, dear Lord, three things I pray;
to see thee more clearly, love thee more dearly,
follow thee more nearly, day by day. (Repeat once)
day by day, by day, by day, by day.**

• CALL TO WORSHIP (*Responsively*)

L: When all we have hoped for and trusted in has let us down;

P: There is Christ who reaches out to us.

L: When the world seems dark and despair threatens to close in upon us;

P: There is Christ, reaching out for us.

L: Come and let us worship the Lord who is always ready to reach out to us.

P: We humbly come before the Lord in hope and faith. Amen.

• GATHERING HYMN #197 “Beneath the Cross of Jesus” (*Vs. 1 & 3*)

• CALL TO CONFESSION

• PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*In unison*)

Holy God, Source of New Life, you promise to set us free from paths of fear, doubt, and denial. Yet we resist your invitation, seeing only what we must give up if we are to follow the path of Jesus. You promise us abundant life; yet, we doubt you can nourish the lifeless parts of our lives or replace our suffering with joy. Forgive us when we turn away from your promise of abundant life. Heal us and lead us home, Holy One.

• SILENT CONFESSION

• ASSURANCE OF GOD’S LOVE AND FORGIVENESS

• THE GLORIA PATRI #35 (*Sung by all*)

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
And to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning,
Is now, and ever shall be
World without end. Amen. Amen.**

• GREETING OUR FRIENDS IN CHRIST

• CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #352 “Spirit Song”

CHILDREN’S TIME

INTERLUDE “Walk With Me” (*Sung by all*)

(Children, age 3 through 8th grade are invited to join us downstairs for Sunday School.)

**Walk with me; I will walk with you
and build the land that God has planned
where love shines through.**

(Ushers will collect prayer cards at this time.)

SCRIPTURE

First Reading:	Isaiah 43:16-21	<i>(page 672)</i>
	Psalm 126	<i>(page 572)</i>
Second Reading:	John 12:1-18	<i>(page 106)</i>
	Philippians 2:4b-14	<i>(page 197)</i>

SERMON

CHORAL ANTHEM “O, How I Love Jesus” -arr. L. Larson

PASTORAL PRAYER and THE LORD’S PRAYER (*In unison*)

**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 debts
as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil,
for thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory, forever.
Amen.**

OFFERTORY INVITATION

OFFERTORY “Come to Calvary’s Holy Mountain” -arr. M. Burkhardt

• OFFERTORY RESPONSE “Doxology” (*Sung by all*)

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ the Word in flesh born low;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
One God, Triune, whom we adore. Amen.**

• DEDICATION OF GIFTS (*In unison*)

Faithful Giver of Life, you have done great things for us. In the life and teaching of your Son Jesus, you welcome us into your heart. Help us open our hearts to others, that we may become more willing to offer our hospitality, our support, and our material resources wherever they are needed. Bless these offerings in your holy name. Amen.

THE LORD’S SUPPER

(Today we celebrate communion by Intinction. The ushers will direct you forward, and you may take a piece of bread and dip it in the wine (red) or juice (white) or take a small cup of juice. Gluten free wafers are available if you prefer. At Emanuel UCC all are invited to take communion you do not need to be a member of this church or this denomination. Children may receive communion at the parents’ discretion. If you would like communion at your seat, please remain seated and a server will come to you.)

Invitation to the Table

Communion Prayer

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to God.

One: Give thanks to God most high!

All: It is right to give God thanks and praise (prayer continues...)

Hymn of Thanksgiving (*Sung by all*)

“Santo, Santo, Santo” #111

Santo, santo, santo. ¡Mi corazón te adora!

Mi corazón te sabe decir: ¡Santo eres Señor!

Holy, holy, holy. My heart, my heart adores you!

My heart knows how to say to you: Holy are you, Lord!

Words of Institution

Sharing the Supper

Communion Anthem “Lamb of God” -R. Temple

Prayer of Thanksgiving (*In unison*)

Mighty God, we give you thanks for the gift of our Savior's presence in the simplicity and splendor of this holy meal. Unite us with all who are fed by your grace that we may faithfully proclaim the good news of your love and that your church may be a rainbow of hope in an uncertain world; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

• SENDING HYMN #442 "We Are Walking"

• SENDING FORTH

• MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

POSTLUDE "Jesus, Priceless Treasure" -arr. J.S. Bach

Enter to Worship – Depart to Serve

Our time of worship concludes at the end of the Postlude. If you would like to remain in the sanctuary to listen to this music written and played to glorify God, please do so quietly.

Otherwise, you may join others in the narthex for refreshments and fellowship.

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