

# Order of Worship for March 26th, 2023

*"Faith United Methodist Church's mission is to share God's love and encourage others through worship and service to our community and beyond."*

*Prelude: "Hark! A Voice Saith, All Are Mortal" by J.S. Bach*

Welcome & Announcements

**\*Opening Hymn** **UMH #92 For the Beauty Of The Earth**

**\*Call to Worship**

L: When we experience highs and lows in our lives,

**A: Christ reaches out to us.**

L: When we wander, feel lost, disconnected and frustrated,

**A: Christ reaches out to us.**

L: When we feel as though no one can understand us,

**A: Christ reaches out to us and reminds us that He is always with us.**

**\*Illumination Prayer:**

**Holy God, as you were once with Mary, Martha, and Lazarus comforting them through their tears, we ask that you be with us and comfort us as needed. For we know your time is drawing near and your journey will soon end. So, in that spirit, be with us and encourage us so that we may rely on you this day and always. We pray all this in your holy name. Amen.**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be your 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.**

*Choir Anthem:*

*Just A Closer Walk with Thee*

*TFWS*

Scripture:

John 11:1-35

Now a man named Lazarus was sick. He was from Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. (This Mary, whose brother Lazarus now lay sick, was the same one who poured perfume on the Lord and wiped his feet with her hair.) So, the sisters sent word to Jesus, "Lord, the one you love is sick." When he heard this, Jesus said, "This sickness will not end in death. No, it is for God's glory so that God's Son may be glorified through it." Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. So, when he heard that Lazarus was sick, he stayed where he was two more days, and then he said to his disciples, "Let us go back to Judea." "But Rabbi," they said, "a short while ago the Jews there tried to stone you, and yet you are going back?" Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Anyone who walks in the daytime will not stumble, for they see by this world's light. It is when a person walks at night that they stumble, for they have no light." After he had said this, he went on to tell them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep; but I am going there to wake him up." His disciples replied, "Lord, if he sleeps, he will get better." Jesus had been speaking of his death, but his disciples thought he meant natural sleep. So, then he told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead, and for your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." Then Thomas said to the rest of the disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him." On his arrival, Jesus found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. Now Bethany was less than two miles from Jerusalem, and many Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them in the loss of their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went out to

meet him, but Mary stayed at home. “Lord,” Martha said to Jesus, “if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But I know that even now God will give you whatever you ask.” Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.” Martha answered, “I know he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day.” Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; <sup>26</sup> and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?” “Yes, Lord,” she replied, “I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, who is to come into the world.” After she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary aside. “The Teacher is here,” she said, “and is asking for you.” When Mary heard this, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet entered the village but was still at the place where Martha had met him. When the Jews who had been with Mary in the house, comforting her, noticed how quickly she got up and went out, they followed her, supposing she was going to the tomb to mourn there. When Mary reached the place where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come along with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in spirit and troubled. “Where have you laid him?” he asked. “Come and see, Lord,” they replied. Jesus wept.

This is the word of God for the people of God....**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon: Jesus, If Only You Had Been Here...

Offering Invitation

*[Please Note: The offering is located in the back of the sanctuary]*

**\*Offering Doxology**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;**

**Praise Him all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

\*Offering Prayer

**\*Closing Hymn                   UMH #127 Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah**

Benediction

*Postlude:                   “Little Prelude in G minor” by J.S. Bach*

Joys and Concerns

*[Please Note: This is our time to share our prayers of joys and concerns with one another offline—feel free to share as you feel moved]*

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\*Denotes stand if able - **Bold** means in unison

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**WORSHIP TEAM**

**Worship Leader:** Kate Galop

**Liturgist:** Ron Jackson

**Music Director:** Roger LaCross

**Stream Team:** Jackson Skibel

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**WELCOME TO FAITH!**

We welcome everyone because we all need God in our lives!  
We extend a warm welcome to those who could use prayer right now and  
for those of you who are visiting. Welcome to Faith UMC!