

Sunday Worship

April 5, 2020

Lent 6: Show us how to balance celebration and grief

CALL TO WORSHIP

Gathering Song

Welcome and introductions – Pastor Ron

Call to Worship and Prayer – Led by Ashley Newson

Leader: The Lord is my strength and my song and has given me victory.
Songs of joy and victory are sung in the camp of the godly.
The strong right arm of the Lord has done glorious things!
I will live to tell what the Lord has done!

ALL: God's faithful love endures forever! – Metzler family

Leader: Open for me the gates where the righteous enter,
and I will go in and thank the Lord.
These gates lead to the presence of the Lord,
and the godly enter there.
I thank you for answering my prayer!

All: God's faithful love endures forever!

Leader: "This is the day the Lord has made.
We will rejoice and be glad in it.
Bless the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
We bless you from the house of the Lord.
You are my God, and I will praise you!
Give thanks to the Lord, whose faithful love endures forever!"

All: God's faithful love endures forever!

Singing – Lachelle Hackman/Gao

They that wait upon the Lord (WB 584)

I want Jesus to walk with me (WB 439)

CALL TO SHARE

My Coins Count, Gift and Offering Update – Eric Kennel
Offering Prayer – Pastor Judy

CALL OF GOD'S VOICE

Children's Lesson: Pastor Judy

Scripture: Matthew 21:1-11

Message

Part 1: Naming Our Grief - Elizabeth Soto

Confession – Led by Linda Witmer

Leader: O God, we come to you as the people who greeted Jesus on the road to Jerusalem, full of joy and praise and thanksgiving. Forgive us for the times we forget to show you our gratitude. Lord, have compassion.

People: Lord have compassion – Led by Jannat and family

Leader: We come as the people who were baffled when they realized how quickly their joy was turned to sorrow for you. Lord, have compassion.

People: Lord have compassion

Leader: We come, wanting to be with you as you enter the time and place of your death, knowing we cannot face this week alone. Lord, have compassion.

All: Lord have compassion

Assurance of pardon – Led by Linda

Know that Jesus does offer compassion and understands that hard road between joy and devastation, between belief and disbelief. Know that Jesus will never leave you and will love you on whatever part of the road you find yourself on. Amen.

Part 2: Compassionate Celebration – Elizabeth Soto

CALL TO LOVE THE BODY OF CHRIST

Sharing and Congregational Prayer – Pastor Judy

CALL TO GO FORTH IN GOD'S LOVE

Sending Song: The Lord bless you and keep you - SJ 76 – Lachelle/Gao

Benediction – Pastor Judy