

1. *Gathering Music

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me (TFWS 2153)

I'm gonna live, so God can use me Anywhere, Lord, anytime.*

** work/ pray/ sing*

We Are Marching In The Light of God (TFWS 2235b)

We are marching in the light of God (x4).*

We are marching, we are marching, Ooo, we are marching the light of God.

** singing/dancing/praying*

Welcome (W&S 3152)

Let's walk together for a while and ask where we begin.

To build a world where love can grow and hope can enter in

To be the hands of healing and to plant the seed of peace.

Singing welcome, welcome to this place. You're invited to come and know God's grace.

All are welcome, the love of God to share.

'Cause all of us are welcome here. All are welcome in this place.

2. *Passing the Peace of Christ

3. *Call to Worship

Today, we join Jesus in the final ascent to Jerusalem.

Open the gates of righteousness, that we may come worship God!

We join the disciples in declaring that Jesus will bring peace and salvation for all.

Open the gates of peace, that we may come worship God!

We join with the bystanders who questioned and wondered who this Jesus really is.

Open the gates of truth, that we may come worship God!

The journey through Holy Week brings us face-to-face with the stark reality of sin and God's faithfulness to save.

Open the gates of salvation, that we may come worship God whose steadfast love never fails!

4. Prayer of Confession & Words of Assurance

With the psalmist, we declare, "Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them!" But we forget that only by your grace can we be righteous. With the crowds, we proclaim, "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!" But we neglect to follow you when you show us the ways to make peace on earth as it is in heaven. With the Pharisees, we notice our siblings doing their best to follow you and command, "Order them to stop!" But we refuse to listen to your command to love our neighbors as you love us. Forgive us, merciful God, and free us to follow Jesus down the road into Jerusalem, confronting the death-dealing powers of this world with the truth of your peace and steadfast love.

God is always with us. Trust in the One who continually embraces and loves us. In

Christ, we are unconditionally forgiven. Amen.

5. *Hymn

UMH 277, *Tell Me the Stories of Jesus*

1. *Tell me the stories of Jesus I love to hear; things I would ask him to tell me if he were here: scenes by the wayside, tales of the sea, stories of Jesus, tell them to me.*

2. *First let me hear how the children stood round his knee, and I shall fancy his blessing resting on me; words full of kindness, deeds full of grace, all in the lovelight of Jesus' face.*

3. *Into the city I'd follow the children's band, waving a branch of the palm tree high in my hand; one of his heralds, yes, I would sing loudest hosannas, "Jesus is King!"*

6. Announcements

7. Scripture Lesson

Luke 19:28-40

8. Children's Time

(As children come forward)

"Yes, Jesus loves us (x3). The Bible tells us so."

(As children return)

"God is watching over you...each day."

9. Sermon

Smiling or Frowning?

Pastor Sunmin

10. Hymn

Lord, I Offer My Life to You (also see insert)

[Refrain] *Lord, I offer my life to you. Everything I've been through, Use it for your glory. Lord, I offer my days to you, Lifting my praise to you, As a pleasing sacrifice. Lord, I offer you- my life (x2).*

1. *All that I am, all that I have, I lay them down before you, oh Lord. All my regrets, all my acclaims, The joy and the pain, I'm making them yours [refrain].*

2. *Things in the past, things yet unseen, Wishes and dreams that are yet to come true. All of my heart, all of my plans, My heart and my hands are lifted to you [refrain].*


11. *Offering

UMH 94, *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*


**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

12. *Prayer of Dedication

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2. Every Sun. 9:40 AM: Music Rehearsal. Anyone who can play an instrument or sing, please join us!
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4. Please join us for Coffee Hour in the Fellowship Hall downstairs!
5. Lenten Bible Study on *The Chosen*. (April 17th, 4 PM)
6. Maundy Thursday Service (April 17th, 7 PM).
7. Watch "A Plastic Ocean" (Thu. April 24th, 5 PM) at the church and celebrate Earth Day (April 22). Bring any food to share!
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