Order of Service

Prelude  
*Prelude in C*  
HUMC Handbell Choir

Welcome and Opening Prayer  
Rev. Young-Mee Park

Opening Hymn  
“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”  
UMH 110

1. A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;  
   Our helper he, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.  
   For still our ancient foe does seek to work us woe; his craft and power are great,  
   and armed with cruel hate, on earth is not his equal.

2. Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing,  
   were not the right Man on our side, the Man of God's own choosing.  
   You ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he; Lord Sabaoth his name,  
   from age to age the same; and he must win the battle.

3. And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,  
   we will not fear, for God has willed his truth to triumph through us.  
   The prince of darkness grim, we tremble not for him; his rage we can endure,  
   for lo! his doom is sure; one little word shall fell him.

Children’s Time  
Jennifer Austgen

Special Music  
“We Shall Gather at the River”  
Amanda Fenton, Violin  
Jessica Ondracek, Cello  
Belford Hernandez, Piano

Psalter  
*Psalm 130*  
Cheryl Francis

1 Out of the depths I cry to you, LORD;  
2 Lord, hear my voice.
Let your ears be attentive
to my cry for mercy.

3 If you, LORD, kept a record of sins,
   Lord, who could stand?

4 But with you there is forgiveness,
   so that we can, with reverence, serve you.

5 I wait for the LORD, my whole being waits,
   and in his word I put my hope.

6 I wait for the Lord
   more than watchmen wait for the morning,
   more than watchmen wait for the morning.

7 Israel, put your hope in the LORD,
   for with the LORD is unfailing love
   and with him is full redemption.

8 He himself will redeem Israel
   from all their sins.

Gospel Lesson

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister
Martha. 2 Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet
with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. 3 So the sisters sent a message to
Jesus, a “Lord, he whom you love is ill.” 4 But when Jesus heard it, he said, “This illness
does not lead to death; rather it is for God’s glory, so that the Son of God may be
glorified through it.” 5 Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and
Lazarus, 6 after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the
place where he was.

7 Then after this he said to the disciples, “Let us go to Judea again.” 8 The disciples
said to him, “Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going
there again?” 9 Jesus answered, “Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who
walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. 10 But
those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them.” 11 After saying this,
he told them, “Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken
him.” 12 The disciples said to him, “Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all
right.” 13 Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he
was referring merely to sleep. 14 Then Jesus told them plainly, “Lazarus is dead. 15 For
your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to
him.” 16 Thomas, who was called the Twin, c said to his fellow disciples, “Let us also
go, that we may die with him.”
17 When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus[c] had already been in the tomb four days. 18 Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles[c] away, 19 and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother.

The Word of God for the people of God! Thanks be to God!

Sermon “On the Road to Easter” Rev. Young-Mee Park

Piano Meditation “In The Sweet Bye and Bye” Belford Hernandez

Prayers of the Community
We gather up to God prayers for each other, our communities, church, and the world. Each petition will end with “God, in your mercy,” to which worshipers are invited to respond with “Hear our prayer.”

The Lord’s Prayer
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 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.

Hymn “Hymn of Promise” UMH 707

1. In the bulb there is a flower; In the seed, an apple tree;
   In cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free!
   In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be,
   Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

2. There's a song in every silence, seeking word and melody;
   There's a dawn in every darkness, bringing hope to you and me.
   From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery,
   Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

2. In our end is our beginning; In our time, infinity;
   In our doubt there is believing; In our life, eternity,
   In our death, a resurrection; At the last, a victory,
   Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.
Benediction

Postlude

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”
Amanda Fenton, Violin
Jessica Ondracek, Cello
Belford Hernandez, Piano

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