



## WE OPEN OUR LIVES TO GOD

\*THE HYMN OF PROCESSION AND WORSHIP

**“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”**

(Musical Interlude)

THE CALL TO PRAYER

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

**O Lord, though we did not know how to come to you, you came to us. Help us, to mourn our sins and to know our need, that we may welcome you on this Palm Sunday, may receive you into our lives, and follow your way to the cross. Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! Hear us now as we pray, each in our own words and our own way.**

Moments of Silent Prayer

(Those desiring to come to the altar for a time of intercessory prayer are welcome to come and kneel or stand.)

All are invited to spend these moments in silent prayer seated at your pew.)

The Pastoral 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.**

## WE HEAR THE LIVING WORD

SPECIAL MUSIC

*“I Believe in a Hill Called Mount Calvary”*

Gospelaire accompanied by Polly Simmons

LIGHTING OF THE LENTEN CANDLE

Pastor: “Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord,” we shout with the crowd. But on this Palm Sunday let us remember our fickle, human nature. Today we rejoice, tomorrow we betray. “Blessed indeed is He who comes in the name of the Lord” and forgives us.

THE ANTHEM

*“Entry into Jerusalem”*

Altar Choir  
Price & Besig

\*THE SCRIPTURE LESSON

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

THE PROCLAMATION

Places in Your Soul

Pastor Chris Roberts

## WE DEDICATE OURSELVES TO GOD

RESPONDING TO GOD IN OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES

(If you are visiting this morning, you are our guest. If Grace U.M. Church is your home, remember that the biblical expectation is that you will give your tithes to your church. May we all remember that giving to God in response to His great love is the most celebrative moment of corporate worship. Today's loose coin offering is dedicated to Relay for Life.)

The Giving of our Tithes and Offering

The Offertory

*“God So Loved the World”*

\*The Chorus and Prayer of Dedication

John Stainer, arr. By Larry Shackley

**Create in me a clean heart, O God and renew a right spirit within me.**

**Cast me not away from your presence and take not your Holy Spirit from me.**

**Restore unto me the joy of your salvation and uphold me with your Spirit free**

**Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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(The congregation is invited to approach one of the communion stations around the sanctuary and balcony. The ushers will direct you as to when you may come. All who desire to participate are invited to come and receive the elements by intinction—receive a broken piece of bread from a pastor and dip it into the common cup before partaking. All are welcome to come to the altar and kneel or stand in an attitude of prayer and meditation as long as you desire. Others may remain in an attitude of worship and reflection at their pews. Please return to your pew as directed by the ushers. Should you desire, the communion elements will be made available for you to partake of as you remain seated in the pew.)

\*HYMNS OF INVITATION TO A LIFE WITH CHRIST

**“Lift High the Cross”**

(The altar of this church is open to you...come.

Come to witness, come to repent, come to pray.)

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\*THE CHIMES AND SERVICE OF LIGHT

(The Living Flame on the altar reminds us that we must carry the message of God's grace and love out from this sanctuary into the world.)