

# LENTEN VESPERS ORDER OF WORSHIP

7 PM, Wednesday, April 1, 2020

PRELUDE Todd Fickley, piano

WELCOME Rev. Donna Marsh

CALL TO WORSHIP Dr. Joyce Emery

LENTEN CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

Have mercy upon us, O Lord, that before you in love and faith, in righteousness and humility,  
we may follow you with self-denial, steadfastness, and courage.

Forgive and cleanse us as we come before you.

Give us a pure heart that we may see you, a humble heart that we may hear you,  
a heart of love that we may serve you, a heart of faith that we may love you.

Dag Hammarskjöld, 1905-1961

SILENT CONFESSION AND MUSIC MEDITATION *please join in singing*

*Olivet*

Our faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine:

Now hear us while we pray, take all our guilt away,

O let us from this day be wholly thine!

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Believe the good news of the Gospel. **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.**

SCRIPTURE Luke 19:11-27

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

MEDITATION Making the Most of the Moment Rev. Donna Marsh

MUSIC RESPONSE Take My Life Craig Courtney

Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee; take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of thy love. Take my feet, and let them be swift and beautiful for thee; take my voice, and let me sing, always, only for my King. Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold; take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise. Take my will, and make it thine, it shall be no longer mine; take my heart, it is thine own: it shall be thy royal throne.

Dr. Michael Denham with Jeanne Su, violin

PASTORAL PRAYER AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

## Luke 19:11-27

<sup>11</sup>As they were listening to this, he went on to tell a parable, because he was near Jerusalem, and because they supposed that the kingdom of God was to appear immediately. <sup>12</sup>So he said, “A nobleman went to a distant country to get royal power for himself and then return. <sup>13</sup>He summoned ten of his slaves, and gave them ten pounds,<sup>14</sup> and said to them, ‘Do business with these until I come back.’ <sup>14</sup>But the citizens of his country hated him and sent a delegation after him, saying, ‘We do not want this man to rule over us.’ <sup>15</sup>When he returned, having received royal power, he ordered these slaves, to whom he had given the money, to be summoned so that he might find out what they had gained by trading. <sup>16</sup>The first came forward and said, ‘Lord, your pound has made ten more pounds.’ <sup>17</sup>He said to him, ‘Well done, good slave! Because you have been trustworthy in a very small thing, take charge of ten cities.’ <sup>18</sup>Then the second came, saying, ‘Lord, your pound has made five pounds.’ <sup>19</sup>He said to him, ‘And you, rule over five cities.’ <sup>20</sup>Then the other came, saying, ‘Lord, here is your pound. I wrapped it up in a piece of cloth, <sup>21</sup>for I was afraid of you, because you are a harsh man; you take what you did not deposit, and reap what you did not sow.’ <sup>22</sup>He said to him, ‘I will judge you by your own words, you wicked slave! You knew, did you, that I was a harsh man, taking what I did not deposit and reaping what I did not sow? <sup>23</sup>Why then did you not put my money into the bank? Then when I returned, I could have collected it with interest.’ <sup>24</sup>He said to the bystanders, ‘Take the pound from him and give it to the one who has ten pounds.’ <sup>25</sup>(And they said to him, ‘Lord, he has ten pounds!’) <sup>26</sup>‘I tell you, to all those who have, more will be given; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. <sup>27</sup>But as for these enemies of mine who did not want me to be king over them—bring them here and slaughter them in my presence.’”

## LENTEN WORSHIP

### Holy Week

#### **Palm Sunday**

April 5 “Blind to Joy”

ONLINE Worship, 11:00 a. m. ET

#### **Good Friday**

April 10

ONLINE Worship, Noon ET

ONLINE Worship, 7:30 p. m. ET

#### **Easter Sunday**

April 12 “A New Day Dawning”

ONLINE Worship, 11:00 a. m. ET