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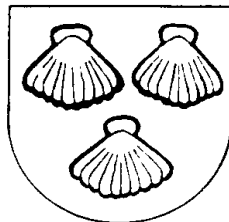
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February 25, 2023
9:30 am
“Take Up”

ONLINE WORSHIP SERVICE

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Gathering Up

Prelude	"Lead On, O King Eternal!" arranged by Christopher J. Hoh Offered by Clarice Snyder Copyright 2020 by Christopher J. Hoh, All rights reserved. Permission granted.	
Welcome	We Acknowledge What's Up	Mary Anne Espenshade
Gathering Song	"O God, Our Help In Ages Past" William Croft, arr. by Frances L. Callahan Copyright ©1986 in BEGIN TO RING 3 by Agape, Carol Stream, IL 60188	Handbell Choir
Confession/Assurance	Leader: Let us pray together: ALL: Motivating and Invigorating God, you challenge us to walk a difficult path. Show us, as Jesus did, that letting go of our own security and comfort is the only way to create space for your justice to move over the earth. In this moment of quiet, we lift up to you those things we'd like to give up for good... for the sake of The Good.	Mary Anne Espenshade
Meditative Moment	Psalm 22 Response: In the name of Christ, you are forgiven. In the name of Christ, you are forgiven. Glory to God, Amen!	Mary Anne Espenshade
Passing the Peace of Christ	Response: As a people forgiven and freed, we reach out to lift others up, offering the peace of Christ. Peace be with you! And also with you!	Mary Anne Espenshade
*Opening Hymn	"Open the Eyes of My Heart"	W & S 3008
Chorus Open the eyes of my heart Lord Open the eyes of my heart I want to see You I want to see You	Verse To see You high and lifted up Shining in the light of Your glory Pour our Your power and love As we sing holy holy holy	

Bridge
Holy holy holy
Holy holy holy
Holy holy holy
I want to see You

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Filling Up

What's Up? With Children

Rev. Patricia Abell

The Word Uplifts

Scripture

Mark 8: 31-38

Mary Anne Espenshade

Anthem

Calypso on "He Leadeth Me"

Handbell Choir

William B. Bradbury, Arr. by Tammy Waldrop (ASCAP)
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Message

"Take Up"

Rev. Patricia Abell

Building Up

Prayer for God's People, Church, & World

Mary Anne Espenshade

Lord's Prayer

Offering

Offertory

"Are Ye Able"

Handbell Choir

Beacon Hill arr. by Jason W Krug (ASCAP)
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***Doxology**

"A Lenten Doxology"

Praise God throughout these forty days
Praise Christ our Lord whom God did raise
And praise the Spirit who imparts
God's love in Christ into our hearts. Amen

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Offering Prayer

Blessing for the Journey

*Closing Hymn

“Take Up Thy Cross”

UMH 415

1. "Take up thy cross," the Savior said,
"if thou wouldst my disciple be;
deny thyself, the world forsake,
and humbly follow after me."

2. Take up thy cross, let not its weight
Fill thy weak spirit with alarm;
His strength shall bear thy spirit up,
And brace thy heart and nerve thine arm.

3. Take up thy cross, nor heed the shame,
nor let thy foolish pride rebel;
thy Lord for thee the cross endured,
to save thy soul from death and hell.

4. Take up thy cross and follow Christ,
Nor think till death to lay it down;
For only those who bear the cross
May hope to wear the glorious crown.

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Benediction

Rev. Patricia Abell

And so now pick up where you left off
on the path that God has set before you,
leaving behind your certainty and the need for everything to be “just so,”
trusting your decision to follow the One who taught us the way of love,
knowing that you have all you need to be up to something.

When someone asks you, “What are you up to?”
you can respond,
“With God’s help, I’m up to something good!”

Let the people say, Amen!
Amen!

Music for Movin’ On Up

Postlude

"Lift High the Cross!" arranged by Christopher J. Hoh

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Questions for Reflection

Jesus asks his disciples to deny themselves, take up their cross, and follow him.

How do you practice self-denial for the sake of the gospel?

Is every instance of self-denial an act of obedience to Jesus? Can some forms of self-denial foster oppression?

Household Prayer: Morning

Lord Jesus, help me walk with you this day.

*If you lead me where I fear to go, give me courage and keep me true,
that I may bear my cross without shame and live in the promise of life eternal Amen.*

Household Prayer: Evening

*Jesus, if I stray, show me my fault, forgive my sin,
and set me rightly on your path.*

Keep me on the way of the cross, and lead me to the eternal joy of Easter. Amen.

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