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CHURCH DUNCANVILLE



Matthew 26:36-46

Worship Service | April 6, 2025

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

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Welcome

Introit

**Call to Worship**

Jeff Thorpe

One: On grey days it is hard to see clearly,  
difficult to understand things that aren't clear.

**ALL: Yet all we are asked to do today  
is to be present  
to the sacred story as it is retold, and  
To the mysterious, wondrous sacrifice of Christ.**

One: We are invited to accompany Jesus  
through this grey day:  
to be witnesses to his suffering,  
to keep silence before his cry to his Father.

**ALL: In our imaginations,  
let us trudge through Jerusalem,  
until we come to the place of the Cross:  
let us not turn our faces away.**

**Praise & Worship: You Hold it All Together**

It feels like an ocean of sorrow is under my skin  
Even the ocean eventually meets with the sand  
Sorrow on sorrow, I'm waiting, Heavy I'm anticipating  
Trusting the current will carry me

**You are my strength, You are my song**

**You are my salvation**

**You hold it all together, You hold it all together**

We come with great expectations, and fears in our hearts

Send us Your light,

as we're making our way through the dark

All of the earlier troubles

Chaos and pain they unravel

Looking ahead we rejoice in You

CHORUS

Like a stone, in the wasteland, I was useless, until You

Lifted high, in Your mercy, Out of sorrow and made new

Oh this mind, it can't measure

All Your favors in this world

So we shout in adoration, Holy, holy are You Lord

CHORUS

## **Praise & Worship: Brokenness Aside**

Will your grace run out, if I let you down?

'Cause all I know is how to run

**'Cause I am a sinner,**

**If it's not one thing it's another**

**Caught up in words, Tangled in lies**

**But You are a Savior,**

**and You take brokenness aside**

**And make it beautiful, Beautiful**

Will You call me child When I tell you lies

'Cause all I know Is how to cry

CHORUS

You make it beautiful  
You make it beautiful [x2]

REPEAT CHORUS AS DIRECTED

You make it beautiful, Beautiful  
You make it beautiful, Beautiful

You make it beautiful, You make it beautiful  
(REPEAT AS DIRECTED)

## **Prayer of Confession**

Jeff Thorpe

**Gracious and Merciful God,  
We come before You in humility, confessing that,  
like the disciples in the garden, we often fall asleep  
when You call us to watch and pray.**

**You call us to stand with You in moments of trial,  
yet we retreat into comfort and forget the cost of  
discipleship. Lord Jesus, in Your anguish, You  
submitted fully to the Father's will, crying out, "Not  
as I will, but as You will."**

**But we confess that our hearts often resist surrender.  
We choose our way over Yours, seeking what is easy  
rather than what is faithful.**

**Forgive us for the times we have failed to be  
spiritually awake, For the moments we have not  
watched in prayer. Create in us a steadfast spirit.  
Strengthen our hearts to stay with You, even when  
the road is difficult.**

**Help us to embrace Your will with trust, knowing  
that in Your obedience, we find our salvation.**

# Assurance of Forgiveness

## Children's Message

Jeff Thorpe

### Song: Trust in God

Blessed Assurance, Jesus is mine  
He's been my fourth man in the fire, time after time  
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood  
And what He did for me on Calvary is more than  
enough

**I trust in God, my Savior**

**The one who will never fail, He will never fail**

**I trust in God, my Savior**

**The one who will never fail, He will never fail**

Perfect submission, all is at rest  
I know the author of tomorrow has ordered my steps  
So this is my story and this is my song  
I'm praising my risen King and Savior all the day long

CHORUS

He didn't fail you then

He won't fail you now

I sought the Lord and He heard and He answered

I sought the Lord and He heard and He answered

I sought the Lord and He heard and He answered

That's why I trust Him, that's why I trust Him

REPEAT AS DIRECTED

## Offering

## **Anthem: Psalm 34**

### **Scripture Reading: Matthew 26:36-46**

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Then Jesus went with them to the olive grove called Gethsemane, and he said, “Sit here while I go over there to pray.” He took Peter and Zebedee’s two sons, James and John, and he became anguished and distressed. He told them, “My soul is crushed with grief to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with me.”

He went on a little farther and bowed with his face to the ground, praying, “My Father! If it is possible, let this cup of suffering be taken away from me. Yet I want your will to be done, not mine.”

Then he returned to the disciples and found them asleep. He said to Peter, “Couldn’t you watch with me even one hour? Keep watch and pray, so that you will not give in to temptation. For the spirit is willing, but the body is weak!”

Then Jesus left them a second time and prayed, “My Father! If this cup cannot be taken away unless I drink it, your will be done.” When he returned to them again, he found them sleeping, for they couldn’t keep their eyes open.

So he went to pray a third time, saying the same things again. Then he came to the disciples and said, “Go ahead and sleep. Have your rest. But look—the time has come. The Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Up, let’s be going. Look, my betrayer is here!”

# Sermon: “Bitter Cups”

Rev. Rachael McConnell

## Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer

### The Lord’s Supper

#### Hymn: Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

What a fellowship, what a joy divine,  
Leaning on the Everlasting Arms!

What a blessedness, what a peace is mine,  
Leaning on the Everlasting Arms!

**Leaning, leaning, Safe and secure from all alarms;  
Leaning, leaning, Leaning on the everlasting arms.**

O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,  
Leaning on the Everlasting Arms!

O how bright the path grows from day to day,  
Leaning on the Everlasting Arms!

CHORUS

What have I to dread, what have I to fear,  
Leaning on the Everlasting Arms!

I have peace complete with my Lord so near,  
Leaning on the Everlasting Arms!

CHORUS

## Benediction

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## **We need Maundy Thursday hosts!**

If you are interested, ask Rev. Rachael for details or contact Katherine to sign up.

## **Lent Study continues**

Join us again this Wednesday from 5:30-7 for the penultimate iteration!

## **Sarah Circle Women's Fellowship**

Join the Sarah Circle for their study on Tuesday, April 8 at 7 PM.

## **Time to bring back Easter Eggs!**

All the eggs have been taken to fill! Bring them back by Sunday, April 13.

## **Purchase Easter Lilies now**

If you would like to purchase an Easter Lily, fill out a form or contact Katherine.

## **Sign up now for the Holy Saturday Prayer Vigil, Apr 19**

Go to [www.fpcd.org/prayer-vigil](http://www.fpcd.org/prayer-vigil), or use the paper sign-up in the Narthex.

Sermons are available online at [www.fpcd.org/sermons](http://www.fpcd.org/sermons).

The "R" stands for Hymnal for Worship & Celebration.

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## **Welcome Guests and Visitors!**

We want to get to know you! If it's your first time here, please fill out a visitor card from the seat back in front of you and place it in an offering plate, located throughout the sanctuary.

## **Sunday School and Children**

Sunday school for adults and children meets at 9:15 AM in the Education Building. During the service, nursery is provided for ages 0-4 in the Education Building. Children are welcome to stay with you during the service, and are invited to come forward during the Children's Moment. If your child needs something to keep them busy, kids' activity boxes are available in the entry hall!



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