

**A sceptered reed, O patient Lord,  
they thrust into your hand,  
and acted out their grim charade  
to its appointed end.  
They did not know, as we do now,  
though empires rise and fall,  
your Kingdom shall not cease to grow  
till love embraces all.**

Please rise for the remainder of the service.

Luke 23:39-43

The second verse of "Are Ye Able?" is offered instrumentally.  
The people read along, silently.

*Are ye able to remember,  
when a thief lifts up his eyes,  
that his pardoned soul is worthy  
of a place in paradise?*

Luke 23:44-46

The third verse of "Are Ye Able?" is offered instrumentally.  
The people read along, silently.

*Are ye able when the shadows  
close around you with the sod,  
to believe that spirit triumphs,  
to commend your soul to God?*

Invitation

Affirmation of Faith

**We believe God, who is the pillar of fire and the pillar of cloud.  
We trust our Creator, who is faithful.**

**We believe Jesus, who was crucified.  
We trust the One who defied the tomb.**

**We believe that the Breath of Life will find us.  
We trust the Spirit: for guidance, for comfort, for strength.**

Hymn

*What Wondrous Love is This?*

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Benediction

# Boulevard United Methodist Church on Broad



Presenting a quite different image of holy power than did the Roman Empire, riding a donkey instead of a war-horse, leading a legion of disciples in rags, wearing the armor of good will, Jesus entered the city on a dirt road. And the crowds roared approval for this act of public theater. Pilate considered it a revolutionary action.

- N. Rockwell

## April 14, 2019

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Palm and Passion Sunday  
4:00 pm at 1837 W Broad St.



Greeting

Call to Worship

Psalm 118

Open to me the gates of righteousness,  
**that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.**  
This is the gate of the Lord;  
**the righteous shall enter through it.**  
The Lord is God, who has given us light.  
**Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar.**  
O give thanks to the Lord, who is good;  
**for God's steadfast love endures forever!**

Children's Moment

Hymn

*Hail to the Lord's Anointed vv. 1, 3-4*

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TRIUMPHAL ENTRY

Luke 19:28-37

Liturgist: Blessings on the king who comes in the name of the Lord!  
All: **Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens!**

Luke 19:39-40

Children 5 and under leave for children's church at this time.

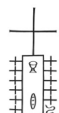
Hymn

*Canticle of the Turning vv. 1-3*

Meditation

Prayer

Rev. Drew Willson



PASSOVER

Luke 22:14-27

ON THE MOUNT  
IN THE GARDEN

Luke 22:39-46

An offering is collected.

SOLD OUT  
HANDED OVER

Luke 22:47-62

**We sang our glad Hosannas,  
and waved our branches high,  
but some were silent, frowning,  
as Jesus rode on by.  
They sought a royal Savior  
but did not understand  
a king could rule by loving,  
instead of by command.**

**We served him at the table  
with wine, unleavened bread.  
"The one who will betray me  
now eats with me," he said.  
His friends would not believe him,  
but one by one that night,  
as soldiers came to take him,  
they scurried out of sight.**

TRIED BY RELIGION

Luke 22:63-71

**Jesus walked this lonesome valley;  
He had to walk it by himself.  
Oh, nobody else could walk it for him;  
He had to walk it by himself.**

Meditation

Rev. Rachel G. May

AND BY THE STATE

Luke 23:1-25

**To mock your reign, O dearest Lord,  
they made a crown of thorns;  
set you with taunts along that road  
from which no one returns.  
They did not know, as we do now,  
that glorious is your crown;  
that thorns would flower upon your brow,  
your sorrows heal our own.**

EXECUTED

Luke 23:26-38

# NURTURE

*caring for one another and for our growth as disciples*

{Inward}

WE ARE PRAYING for Chris Gregory, the Anderson family, the Kirkland family, the United Methodist Church, Grayson Foy, Nancy Tate, and Bishop Sharma Lewis. Wish to add or restore a name? Say so via the offering plate or the church's e-mail address.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH for infants - 5 years of age begins after the children's moment (approximately 4:15). They rejoin us for Communion. Our childcare provider is employed by Grace Covenant Child Development Center.

GIVING GROWS YOU and us.

	Ministry Costs	Your Gifts
April 1 - 6	\$3,455	\$5091

# OUTREACH

*participating in ministries of compassion, justice, and advocacy*

{Outward}

FOR OUR LENTEN MISSION FOCUS we are collecting funds for those doing the hard work of feeding our neighbors and improving access to fresh food in our city. To contribute to this collection, make a check out to Boulevard and write "food" in the memo line. Or, online, use the "mission" designation.



In addition to supporting Shalom Farms and FeedMore financially, we also have a time-given goal. Together, can we give 40 hours to food-related ministries and initiatives?

Stop by the welcome table or ask Laura Ruxton for details regarding two chances to contribute time this coming week on either Monday or Tuesday. At last check, we're at roughly twenty hours. Lent (and our Lenten focus) ends on Thursday.

#### A NOTE FROM THE S/PPRC:

*Sometimes in-betweens can be awkward. This one won't be. We promise. We're savoring our last Sundays with Rachel as our pastor while also preparing our hearts for the new appointment we've been granted. You may have heard: Rev. Drew Willson will be the next pastor of Boulevard UMC on Broad. He'll begin on June 30<sup>th</sup> and will lead us into the future in the beautiful space that is 1837 W. Broad. He'll also be working with Centenary UMC, fostering their ministry with young adults. We're excited for the opportunity this holds for both Drew and for Boulevard. If you have any questions or want to know more about what that process looked like, don't hesitate to approach a member of the Staff/Pastor Parish Relations Committee after worship or between Sundays.*

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MAUNDY THURSDAY looks like a meal woven into a worship service. You do not have to bring food to participate in the service scheduled for **Thursday, April 18 at 6:00 pm.** However, these are foods that help us bring that night to life:

Olives  
Fig spread or fig cookies  
Mediterranean crackers  
Dried fruits & nuts  
Prepared lentils or chickpeas  
Matzo ball soup  
Quinoa or couscous salad  
Potatoes  
Arugula  
Feta, Manchego, or Pecorino cheese  
Pita or naan  
Gluten-free pita or naan  
Prepared orzo  
Kebobs  
Falafel  
Lebanese or Indian carryout

If you can you bring one or some combination of these foods (that are reminiscent of what Jesus would have eaten with his friends), or something that is kind of inspired by this list, tell Rachel. Otherwise come empty-handed to receive what God has to offer the Church and what we have to offer one another during Holy Week.