

Mark 15:21-33

**Were you there when the sun refused to shine? (Were you there?)
Were you there when the sun refused to shine?
O! Sometimes it causes me to tremble! tremble! tremble!
Were you there when the sun refused to shine?**

Mark 15:34-37

**Were you there when they crucified my Lord? (Were you there?)
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
O! Sometimes it causes me to tremble! tremble! tremble!
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?**

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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 our Advocate;
to bring to us and *through* us, God's peace.**

Hymn

What Wondrous Love is This?

Benediction

Boulevard United Methodist Church



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, Triumph and Defeat

March 25, 2018

Palm and Passion Sunday
4:00 pm at Fox Elementary



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

TRIUMPHAL ENTRY

Mark 11:1-9

Hosanna to the Son of David!
Hosanna in the highest heaven!

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

Hymn

Canticle of the Turning vv. 1-3

Meditation

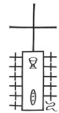
Rev. Rachel May

Scripture

Mark 14:1-9

Prayer

Rev. Drew Willson



PASSOVER

Mark 14:12-24

ON THE MOUNT
IN THE GARDEN

Mark 14:26-40

An offering is collected.

SOLD OUT
HANDED OVER

Mark 14:43-50

**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

Mark 14:53-65

**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 May

AND BY THE STATE

Mark 15:1-5

**You must go and stand your trial;
You have to stand it by yourself.
Oh, no-body else can stand it for you;
you have to stand it by yourself.**

EXECUTED

Mark 15:6-20

*Silence is kept.
Music*

NURTURE

caring for one another, for our space, and for our growth as disciples

{Inward}

WE ARE PRAYING for those mourning Ben Harmrick, Rex Pyle & Michelle Oblinsky, Lillian Faith Ruark, Glen Andrews, Mary Marshall, Colleen Bouldin, Jim Rickards, Jerry Porter, Grayson Foy, Richard Weeks, and Wayne. Wish to add or restore a name? Say so via the offering plate or the church's e-mail address.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH with Ms. LaRonda is a mighty good thing! After the children's moment (approximately 4:15) guardians are invited to accompany infants - 5 year olds to the end of the hallway. They rejoin us for Communion.

OUR LIFE TOGETHER in numbers:

	Ministry Costs	Your Contributions
March 1 - 17	8,527	4,001



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, March 29 at 6:30 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

If you can bring one or some combination of these foods (that are reminiscent of what Jesus would have eaten with his friends), tell Rachel ahead of time. Otherwise come empty-handed without shame!

OUTREACH

participating in ministries of compassion, justice, and advocacy

{Outward}

BREAKING THE CYCLE OF POVERTY through community, empowerment and transformation: It's what Circles RVA has set out to help do. Boulevard has contributed to the development of this organization and here is an opportunity to become a part of this important work in and for our city.



Monday, March 26 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
St. James's Episcopal Church
Valentine Hall in the Michaux House Building
1133 W. Franklin Street, RVA 23220

This is a come and see about it kind of event where those who are present will learn about the Circles approach, the goals for this effort, and ways to engage as a volunteer – either as an Ally or with one of the Resource Teams (defined below).

Refreshments will be provided. Parking is available in the lot adjacent to the building and the deck across the street.

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Circles Ally – an individual volunteer that builds an intentional friendship based on respect and trust with a Circle Leader and supports them on their plan to achieve economic stability over 18 months

Resource Ally – individual that has a specific skill (e.g., business plan or resume writing, mortgage application knowledge) and can be called upon for their expertise when needed by a Circle Leader to achieve their plans