

Bulletin – LUC August 15, 2021 - Via Dolorosa
Worship Leader: Karen Cartmell

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements - Ken Ready

Call to Community

On this third Sunday of Lent

We come seeking God

Our faith journey calls us to venture along an uncertain road, full of challenges and confrontations

We are guided by Jesus who showed us the way with compassion and faithfulness.

As we continue along the path, experiencing the mystery of unknowing

Let us remember that we always have companions on the journey.

Let us worship together.

Opening Hymn: *Gather Us In*

Opening Prayer (written by H McClure, Gatherings L/E 2020 p 33, Used with permission)

Loving God, as we continue the Lenten journey,

Remind us that with your love, we have the strength to follow you.

As we worship this day,

Surround us with your presence.

Make yourself know to us in what we express, in the songs we hear, and in the prayers we offer.

Reveal yourself in the people around us, that we might be reassured that we are not alone on this journey.

As we follow you, we are aware that you call us to places we may not always want to go.

Be with us and forgive us our hesitation.

Renew our resolve and show us the courage to travel with your Son and our Christ, as we seek to grow in faith. Amen

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Lenten Blessing: Blessing in the Shape of the Cross – by Jan Richardson

Prayer of Grace

Gracious God, you are faithful to all your promises and loving toward all you have made.

As we travel with Jesus along the pathway known as the Way of Sorrows, help us when we misstep.

Help us, O God, to face the truth about ourselves.

We stumble along through life. We fall and sometimes it is hard to get back up.

Give us your heart - a heart that will let us see ourselves and others through your eyes, a heart that will fill us with joy, so that we might sing out your praise and draw others to you.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Hymn: 145 Voices United, *O Sacred Head* (verses 1, 3 and 4)

Scripture Lessons: Mark 15: 16-24

Music for Reflection: *Watch the Lamb*

Reflection: Travelling the Via Dolorosa

Hymn: *The Old Rugged Cross*

Our Offerings are Blessed

*Prayer of Dedication

*Offering Music: 34 More Voices, *All is Done for the Glory* (verse 1, X2)

Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer

Final Hymn: 567 Voices United, *Will You Come and Follow Me* (verses 1, 2 and 4)

Benediction & Commissioning (VU 349 Celtic Prayer)

As we go forth into the world –

May the Christ who walks on wounded feet
walk with us on the road.

May the Christ who serves with wounded hands
stretch out our hands to serve.

May the Christ who loves with a wounded heart
open our hearts to love.

May you see the face of Christ in everyone you meet,

And may everyone we meet, see the face of Christ in us. Amen

Benediction Response: *Mighty Lord* (chorus, X2)

Postlude