

# April 06, 2025

Please take a moment to sign our attendance register located in each pew.

(\*\*Indicates, please stand as able)

Greeting/Life of the Church

Prelude "Gabriel's Oboe" Ken Clark, violin solo  
Ennio Morricone

\*\*Call to Worship

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave.

**Being found in human likeness, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.**

Therefore God exalted him even more highly and gave him the name that is above every name.

**And at the name of Jesus, every knee shall bend and every tongue confess: Jesus Christ is Lord!**

\*\*Opening Hymn "Jesu, Jesu" UMH #432

Opening Prayer (unison)

**Holy One of God, come to this sanctuary, and to our homes, and let us receive you with lavish welcome. You are the Restorer of our fortunes, the Promise of new life –we pour out our praise to you. Fill this space with your Spirit and fill our hearts with your compassion, not just in this time and place, but in all times and in all places, so that as we celebrate the great things you have done for us, we may also embody the love you give to all. Amen.**

Children's Moments

Prayer Hymn "In Remembrance of Me" (see back page)

Prayers of the Faithful & the Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

\*\*Gospel & Epistle Readings "Final Words: At the Last Supper" (see insert)  
John 13:34-35, Luke 22:24-27, 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 (NIV)

Offering/Offertory "Were You There?" Carol Stewart  
arr. by Marilyn Ham

\*\*Doxology UMH #95

\*\*Prayer of Dedication

**Dearest Lord Jesus, you chose a path of suffering to reach out to us in our suffering. Use us and our gifts to extend your love and comfort to reach people in places of loss and grief. Use us and our gifts this day to bring hope and compassion to those who weep, that they may know your miraculous power and your fullness of life. Amen.**

\*\*Gospel Readings "Final Words: From the Cross" (see insert)  
Luke 23:33-34a & 39-43, Mark 15:33-34, John 19:26-30 (NIV)

Ministry of Music "Ashokan Farewell" Ken Clark, violin solo  
Jay Unger

Sermon "Final Words" Pastor Jeff Bandy

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

\*\*Closing Hymn "What Wondrous Love Is This" (v.1-3) UMH #292

\*\*Sending Forth

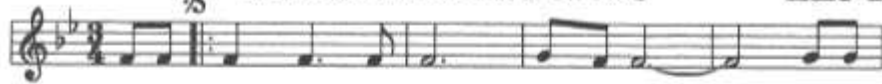
Postlude "God So Loved the World" Carol Stewart  
John Stainer



*The Altar Flowers are given by Joyce Smith in memory of her sister Sheila Fauble's birthday on April 5th.*

EUCHARIST (HOLY COMMUNION, LORD'S SUPPER)

# In Remembrance of Me 2254



1. In re - mem - brance of me, eat this bread. — In re -  
(2. In re -) mem - brance of me, heal the sick. — In re -  
(3. In re -) mem - brance of me, search for truth. — In re -



mem - brance of me, drink this wine. — In re - mem - brance of  
mem - brance of me, feed the poor. — In re - mem - brance of  
mem - brance of me, al - ways love. — In re - mem - brance of

Third time to Coda



me, pray for the time when God's own will is  
me, o - pen the door and let your neigh - bors  
me, don't look a - bove, but in your



done. — 2. In re - in, let them in. — Take,



eat, and be com - fort - ed; drink and re - mem - ber,



too, — that this is my bod - y and pre - cious

*D.S. al Coda*



blood shed for you, — shed for you. — 3. In re -

CODA



heart, — look for God. —



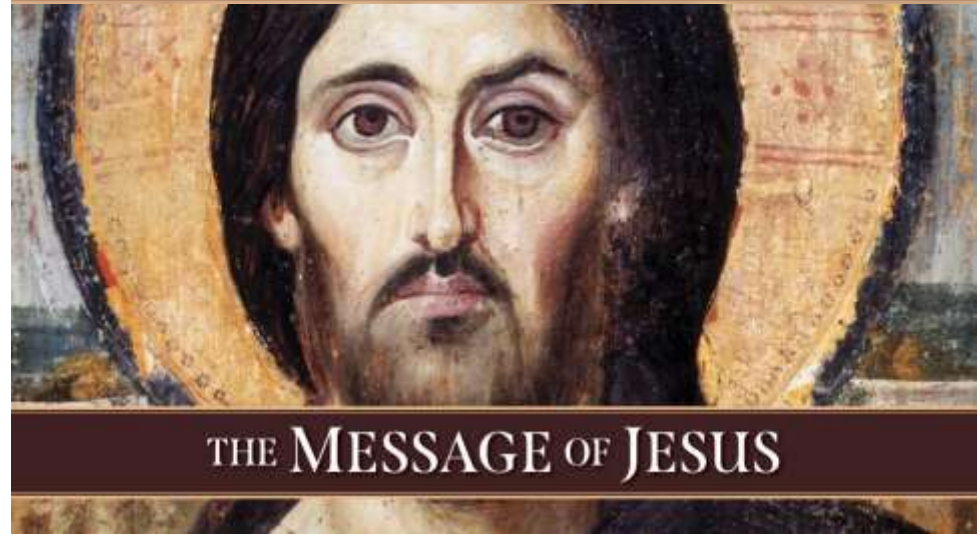
Do this in re - mem - brance of me. —

WORDS: Ragan Courtney (Matt. 6:10; 1 Cor. 11:23-25)  
MUSIC: Beryl Red

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## Final Words



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**We are a Stephen Ministry Congregation**

### April 06, 2025 - Worship Team

Ushers

Chad Mossing, Will Mossing,  
Gerald Mahan, Jim Osburn

Greeters

Judy Mahan

Liturgist

Elaine Hughes

Organist

Carol Stewart

Chancel Choir Director

Melody Kelley

Handbell Choir Director

Jim McPeck



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	Scouting America Dist Mtg	6:30 pm	FH 15 A-B
	Christian Education	7:00 pm	Rm 8
Friday 11			
Saturday 12			
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### Luke 22:24-27

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