



## *Lenten Vespers*

Stories of Struggle and Growth

Wednesdays, 6:30pm  
February 25 - March 25

### **Welcome!**

We encourage wearing name tags.

Restrooms: main level (exit front left), lower level (at foot of entry stair/elevator)

**These bulletins are reused each week. Please return at end of service.**

### **Gathering Music**

*...as we quietly settle into sacred time and space*

### **Ringling of the Bell**

### **Words of Welcome & Singing Bowl**

## Opening Prayer

## Opening Song

### "Evening Stillness" Cantor leads us as we sing 3 times

by M. Johnson

The musical score is for a piano accompaniment of the song "Evening Stillness". It is written in D major and 4/4 time. The score is divided into two systems. The first system contains four measures of music. Above the first measure is a 'D' chord symbol, above the second is an 'A' chord symbol, above the third is a 'G' chord symbol, and above the fourth are 'D A' chord symbols. The lyrics for these measures are: "In the even-ing", "all is still.", "Qui - et hearts are", and "op - en - ing". The second system contains four measures of music. Above the first measure is a 'Bm' chord symbol, above the second is a 'D' chord symbol, above the third is a 'G' chord symbol, above the fourth is an 'A' chord symbol, and above the fifth is a 'D' chord symbol. The lyrics for these measures are: "Op - en to the", "still - ness that is", "God.", and a final measure with a whole rest. The piano part consists of a treble and bass clef staff. The treble clef staff has a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#) and a 4/4 time signature. The bass clef staff has a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#) and a 4/4 time signature. The piano part is written in a simple, accompanimental style with chords and single notes.

## A Story of Struggle and Growth

## Singing Bowl Meditation

*An extended minute of silence | singing bowl rings on either end*

## Community Response

*Anyone might offer brief words of appreciation for what was shared*

## Prayer for Growth amid Struggle

## Closing Song

"Carry This All"  
Cantor leads us as we sing 3 times

by Alexandra Blakely

**You do not carry this all alone.  
No, you do not carry this all alone.  
This is way too big for you to carry this on your own,  
So, you do not carry this all alone.**

## Benediction

## Parting Music

*Financial gifts are always appreciated. They can be placed in an offering plate at either exit or given electronically by scanning this QR code.*



# Holy Week



## March 29th, Palm Sunday

- 9:30 am Worship - with Jesus, confronting empire
- 2 - 4 pm Gathering of Christians at the State Capitol - called to love the neighbor, heal the sick, feed the hungry, and welcome the stranger in this critical moment in our nation's history



## April 3rd, Good Friday: a service of lament & healing

- 6:30 pm Worship - amid oppression and violence, we offer music, story, silence, and an impulse to heal



## April 5th, Easter Sunday

- 8:00 am | Early Easter Service at Lakeside Park
- 9:00 am | Easter Breakfast & Indoor Easter Egg Hunt
- 10:00 am | Worship - a joyful celebration of renewed life

## Wednesday Evenings in Lent | **Feb. 25—March 25**

**6:30 pm** | Lenten Vespers: stories of struggle and growth

*\*In-person only due to sensitive story-sharing*



### Upcoming Stories...

Betsy Runke (Feb. 25) - Living as my authentic self

Bob Dickie (March 4) - The untold story of an organ donor

Sharri Kinkead (March 11) - Struggles of the heart

Heather Kennedy-Bordeaux (March 18) - Navigating post traumatic stress disorder

Mary Horak Binger (March 25) - Communication in personal relationships



### **FREE Community Suppers | Every Wednesday, 5:30 pm**

Son's Deli caters a free meal, open to the community every Wednesday!

Know someone could use a warm meal or some good company?


Be sure to invite them! All are welcome!

Want to help serve? Contact Sue Favilla at 612-381-4996

We thank these partners in ministry: Betsy Runke, Bob Dickie, Sharri Kinkead, Heather Kennedy-Bordeaux, Mary Horak Binger (storytellers), Heather Kennedy-Bordeaux (Choir Director), Sharon Neuenfeldt (Worship Accompanist), Lori Mildon (flute), greeters, ushers, Sue Favilla (chancel decoration).



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