



Sunday, April 6

# Brazen Acts of Beauty

*Fifth Sunday of Lent*

lake harriet  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Walking Together the  
Words and Ways of Jesus

# Inclusive, Intergenerational, and In Community

Walking together the words and ways of Jesus. We welcome all God's children whatever their race, gender, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, nationality, ethnicity, marital status, physical or mental ability. Following Christ's example, we open our hearts, minds, and doors to welcome all.

## No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

If you are young or old, you are welcome.

If you have brown skin, black skin, white skin, or any color of skin, you are welcome.

If you are married or single, you are welcome.

If you are gay, straight, transgender-whatever pronouns you use, you are welcome.

If you are sick or well, you are welcome.

If you are a perfect person, then you probably don't need a church, but if you are like us and are imperfect, mistake-making, still-trying, need all the encouragement I can get kind of person, then this is a community for you and you are welcome.

If you sing like a rock star or an opera singer, or you can not sing at all, you are welcome.

Whenever you arrived and however you came here, you are welcome.

If you believe in God some of the time or all of the time, or you're just beginning to explore who God is, you are welcome.

Come with your gifts, your pain, your hope, your fears.

Come with traditions that have helped you and hurt you.

Come with your experiences that have made you and broken you.

Come with a mind, ready to engage, and a heart, open to discern.

Come and listen for the Holy Spirit that calls you to love your neighbor wholeheartedly, seek justice, create peace and practice compassion.

## You are welcome here!

*Adapted from a welcome by Gordon Brown, published in Shaping Sanctuary*



# Connect with Us



## Let Us Know You Are Here

Please register your attendance through the welcome pad.



## Enewsletter

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## Visit Us Online

Stay informed, register for ministry events, give online, and more.



## Prayer Requests

Let our staff pray for you and others in your life (prayers are confidential).



## Share your talents

The opportunities abound to help your community, find where you fit.



## WiFi

Access the church's WiFi with the password: LHUMCGuest.



## Hearing Enhancement Aids

T-coil hearing assistance is available throughout the Sanctuary. Turn your hearing aid to the T (telephone) position or see a sound team member at the back of the sanctuary for wireless headphones.

# welcome to worship!

Please note the following, the congregation reads/sings/prays the words in bold-faceprint and the ↑ symbol invites you to rise in body and/or spirit.

## WELCOME

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## CENTERING SONG

Fill My Cup, Lord

UMH 641

Fill my cup, Lord, I lift it up, Lord. Come and  
quench this thirst-ing of my soul. Bread of heav-en, feed me till I  
want no more; fill my cup, fill it up and make me whole.

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It features a treble and bass clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is simple and repetitive, with lyrics written below the notes. The piano accompaniment consists of chords and single notes that support the vocal line.

## ↑ CALL TO WORSHIP

One: May we find courage here—

**All: courage to follow our call, courage to live out our faith.**

One: May we find hope here—

**All: hope for a better world, hope that refuses to let us go.**

One: May we find truth here—

**All: truth that lives in sacred community, truth that lives in ancient stories.**

One: May we find all that we seek.

**All: And in our seeking, may we know God. Amen.**

**SHARE A GREETING**

**RAINBOW CHAT**

Kelsey Speaks

**SONG**

We Remember Love

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and repetitive. The lyrics are written below the notes.

We re-mem-ber Je - sus, we re-mem-ber love. Sav - ior and teach - er  
 sent from God a - bove. We re-mem-ber Je - sus, we re-mem-ber love.

**SCRIPTURE**

Isaiah 43:16-21

New Revised Standard  
Version Updated Edition

Thus says the Lord,  
 who makes a way in the sea,  
 a path in the mighty waters,  
 who brings out chariot and horse,  
 army and warrior;  
 they lie down; they cannot rise;  
 they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:  
 Do not remember the former things  
 or consider the things of old.  
 I am about to do a new thing;  
 now it springs forth; do you not perceive it?  
 I will make a way in the wilderness  
 and rivers in the desert.  
 The wild animals will honor me,  
 the jackals and the ostriches,  
 for I give water in the wilderness,  
 rivers in the desert,  
 to give drink to my chosen people,  
 the people whom I formed for myself  
 so that they might declare my praise.

*Mary Anoints Jesus*

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those reclining with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus's feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" (He said this not because he cared about the poor but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

**PRAYER OF PREPARATION**

Psalm 19:14

One: May the words of my mouth,

**All: and the meditations of our heart be acceptable to you O God,  
our Rock and our Redeemer. Amen.**

**MESSAGE**

"Full to the Brim: Brazen Acts of Beauty"

Rev. Karen Bruins

**↑ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**I believe in beauty—**

**beauty pulled into being by our Creator,**

**beauty that catches our breath,**

**beauty that turns us toward awe.**

**I believe in courage—**

**courage to believe,**

**courage to stand up for the people we love,**

**courage to love without hesitation.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit**

**who prays for us when we cannot,**

**who is brave for us when we are not.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ**

**who stood up for Mary,**

**who quieted the voice of critique,**

**who welcomed every bid for relationship.**

**I believe in God.**

**I believe in God who believes in us.**

**Amen.**

## INVITATION TO GENEROSITY



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by visiting our website at [lakeharrietumc.org](http://lakeharrietumc.org)



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with your smartphone camera



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## OFFERTORY

Quia Respexit from *Magnificat*

(J. S. Bach)

\*Jooeun Kim, Soprano

(\*The recipient of 2024-25 Ruth and Marv Mandery Music Scholarship)

*Quia respexit humilitatem ancillae suae,  
ecce enim ex hoc beatam me dicent omnes generationes.*

For he has been mindful of the humble state of his maidservant,  
for behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed. (Luke 1:48)

## ↑ DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; Praise Je-sus Christ, our bur-dens know; Praise Spir - it through whom our hearts grow; Praise Three-in-One, from here be - low. Amen.

## THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

### INVITATION TO THE TABLE

One: Jesus has always been one to invite.

He said, "Drop your nets and follow me."

He said, "Let the little children come."

He said, "Stand up from your mat, you are healed."

Jesus has always been one to invite, and that has not changed.

So friends, you are invited to this Table. Each and every one of us—with our doubts, our fears, our scars, our joy, our dreams, our hopes, our questions—we are invited to God's table.

And here we will be met. Here we will be fed. Here we are given a taste of an expansive life that is full to the brim with love, overflowing with joy.

So come.

Not because you must, but because you can.

Come. You are invited. This Table is for you.

### **GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

One: God who knows us, we are amazed by you.

Your love never runs out, your hope never runs dry, your joy never gives up.

We wish that we could be more like you in that way.

**All: In a world that loves scarcity, your abundance is shocking.**

**In a world that knows fear, your joy is compelling.**

**In a world that knows anxiety, your peace is captivating.**

**We long for these things.**

One: So today we ask you—be with us on the hamster wheel.

Be with us when compassion fatigue rears her head.

Be with us when stress makes it hard to breathe.

Be with us when self-doubt pushes in close.

Be with us when exhaustion becomes constant or when loneliness becomes our primary language.

Be with us, and show us the way to the life you long for us.

**All: Show us a life of expansive faith.**

**Show us a life of overflowing joy.**

**Show us a life of absorbing beauty.**

**Show us a life of engrossing purpose.**

**Show us a life that is as honest, and rich, and meaningful as the one Jesus led.**

One: And until that expansive and holy day, we will continue to gather at this Table.

Until that day we will continue to look for you in our midst.

So pour out a double portion of yourself onto this bread and cup so that we might catch a glimpse of your goodness.

**All: God, we are amazed by you.**

**Your love never runs out, so bring that never-ending love here.**



Together we pray:

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

(Unison) **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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass 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.**

### COMMUNION MUSIC

Lay Me Low from *Shaker Songs*

(arr. Kevin Siegfried)

Sanctuary Choir

### ↑ HYMN

### Guide My Feet

2. Hold my hand ... 3. Stand by me ... 4. I'm your child ... 5. Search my heart ...

1 & 6. Guide my feet while I run this race. Guide my feet

Yes, my Lord!

Detailed description: This system contains the first two lines of musical notation for the hymn 'Guide My Feet'. The top staff is in treble clef and the bottom staff is in bass clef, both with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The lyrics '1 & 6. Guide my feet while I run this race. Guide my feet' are written below the notes. A 'Yes, my Lord!' is written below the bottom staff.

while I run this race. Guide my feet while I run this

Yes, my Lord!

Detailed description: This system contains the second two lines of musical notation. The lyrics 'while I run this race. Guide my feet while I run this' are written below the notes. A 'Yes, my Lord!' is written below the bottom staff.

race, for I don't want to run this race in vain! (race in vain)

Detailed description: This system contains the final line of musical notation. The lyrics 'race, for I don't want to run this race in vain! (race in vain)' are written below the notes. The system ends with a double bar line.

## ↑ BENEDICTION

As you leave this place,  
may you be awestruck by the beauty of this world. May you laugh, and may it be contagious.  
May you overflow with love for those around you.

May you be effusive with hope and quick to point out joy. And in all of your living, and breathing,  
and being, may you find yourself full to the brim with God's Holy Spirit, and may it change your  
life. In the name of the Lover, the Beloved, and Love itself— go in peace, full to the brim. Amen.

## POSTLUDE

A Little Chaconne on a Lenten Hymn

(James Engel)

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## Worship Leaders

**Pastor:** Rev. Karen Bruins

**Director of Music Ministries:** Jungjoo Park

**Musicians:** Sanctuary Choir

**Liturgy & Scripture Reader:** Jeff Speaks

**Communion Prep and Servers:** Frances Durkin, Mary Yee, Holley/Houts Family

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### ART

**Brazen Beauty** - by Rev. Lisle Gwynn Garrity. Inspired by John 12:1-8. Acrylic on raw canvas with digital drawing.

**SUNDAY TO SUNDAY**

# This Week at Lake Harriet

**SUNDAY APRIL 6**

- 9:00am Parents, Babies, & Jams - Reception Room
- 9:30am In Person and On-Line Worship
- 10:30am Horizon Hour (3 yrs - 5th grade) - Godly Play Room
- 10:40am Contemplative Practices - Reception Room
- 11:00am Science and Religion Book Study - Zoom
- 11:00am Worship at the Waters

**TUESDAY APRIL 8**

- 10:00am Knitting(crafting) Group - Commons
- 7:00pm Men's Forum - Wesley Room

**WEDNESDAY APRIL 9**

- 5:15pm Lenten Soup Supper - Reception Room
- 5:45pm Prime Chimers - Bell Room
- 5:45pm Children's Choirs - Sanctuary
- 6:30pm Festival Bells - Bell Room
- 6:30pm Youth Night - Youth Room
- 6:30pm Shout Band Rehearsal - Sanctuary
- 7:30pm Easter Choir and Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary

**SATURDAY APRIL 12**

- 5:00pm Lake Harriet Players Cast Party - Fellowship Hall

**SUNDAY APRIL 13**

- 9:00am Parents, Babies, & Jams - Reception Room
- 9:30am In Person and On-Line Worship - Palm Sunday
- 10:30am Godly Play(3yrs - 3rd Grade) - Godly Play Room
- 10:30am New Member Class - Wesley Room
- 10:30am Sandwich Making for Dignity Center - Fellowship Hall
- 10:40am Contemplative Practices - Reception Room
- 10:45am NeuroCONvergence Group - Fireside Room
- 10:45am By Faith Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary
- 11:00am Science and Religion Book Study - Zoom



**WEDNESDAYS DURING LENT (NO MEAL APRIL 2)**

## Lenten Soup Suppers

There will be a **Lenten Soup Supper** provided each Wednesday night during Lent from 5:15-6:15pm through April 16, skipping April 2.



To register please scan the QR code or visit [bit.ly/wednesday-supper](https://bit.ly/wednesday-supper)



**APRIL 6 - 20**

## Protein Food Drive

Outreach is hosting a Protein Drive to help with the needs at the Joyce Uptown Foodshelf. The drive will run **April 6 through Easter Sunday, April 20th.**

We will be collecting the following protein items:

- Canned Tuna
- Canned Chicken
- Canned Sardines
- Spam
- Boxed shelf-stable Tofu

Please drop items off at the display in the lobby of the church.



**APRIL 13 10:30AM**

## Help make sandwiches for the Dignity Center

Outreach will be holding a sandwich making session after worship at 10:30am in our new downstairs Kitchen on Palm Sunday, April 13, 2025. We will be making approx 200 sandwiches to be delivered to the Dignity Center on Monday! Please join us!



## MEMBERSHIP CLASS

# A Taste of Lake Harriet

Learn more about our mission, values, ministry and membership. Grab a cup of coffee/tea, a cookie and join in the Wesley Room, all are welcome!

**Palm Sunday, April 13, 10:30am**

RSVP for the class by scanning the QR code or online: [bit.ly/LH-membership-class](https://bit.ly/LH-membership-class)



## YOU'RE INVITED TO JOIN THE

# Easter Choir

You'll get to sing at the two identical services at 9 and 11 am on Easter Sunday with an option of singing at the Good Friday service.

The rehearsals are on Wednesdays, April 2, 9 and 16 at 7:30pm or you can arrange a personal practice time with Jungjoo.

If you are interested, talk to or email Jungjoo at [jungjoo.park@lakeharrietumc.org](mailto:jungjoo.park@lakeharrietumc.org).



## APRIL 18 7PM

# Poured Out

## A Good Friday Worship Experience

April 18 - 7:00pm at Lake Harriet UMC.

Experience Good Friday from the perspective of men and women who were part of the last week of Jesus' life.

Drama, music, Scripture and Communion will draw us into the story.

SUNDAY, APRIL 27 10:30 AM

## Learning Session: Immigration Law

Ever wondered what the difference is between “asylum seeker”, “Immigrant”, and “Refugee”?

Retired Judge Joseph Dierkes of the Executive Office for Immigration Review - U.S. Immigration Court will give us an overview of immigration law and how it works.

- Ever wondered what the difference is between “asylum seeker”, “Immigrant”, and “Refugee”?
- How long does it take to become a U.S. Citizen? Can asylum seekers work? Do they qualify for benefits like S.N.A.P.?
- How can we, as people of faith, become involved with the process?



### **Come with your curiosity and your questions!**

Share questions ahead of time: fill out the form below by scanning the QR code or going online:

[bit.ly/immigration-law-question](https://bit.ly/immigration-law-question)



# Lent/Easter Worship Services



**Palm Sunday**  
**April 13, 9:30am**

**Good Friday**  
**April 18, 7pm**

**Easter**  
**April 20, 9am & 11am**

**UPDATE**

## **EASTER EGG HUNT**

**April 20**

**10am & 10:30am**

Kids and Youth join us for an  
egg hunt, games, and craft activities

at Lake Harriet UMC

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## Connect with Staff

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## Land Acknowledgement

Lake Harriet United Methodist Church is located on the land of the Wahpekute, one of the seven council fires of the Ojibwe (commonly Dakota) peoples. We recognize and pay tribute to the indigenous people who called this land home for centuries before us.



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