

# Asbury United Methodist Church

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\* Please rise in body or in spirit

## “The Other Way”

Week Six

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### WE GATHER

Meeting One Another on The Way

**Prelude** “Lord, I Lift Your Name on High” Hanna Noh

### Welcome and Announcements

#### Preparing Together *Threshold Moment*

*Leader:* Today our worship series theme about journey takes on a very literal journey for Jesus. It likely felt like both the end and the beginning. Such are so many moments of our lives. A pilgrimage may reach its destination but the hope, the wisdom, the lessons learned along the way have offered a new starting point for us. What have we learned and what transformation—what “other way”—are we called to in the name of right relationship in our lives?

*[sung]*

**We are a wilderness wandering people  
on a journey of the soul.**

**May we find our destination  
in our longing to be whole.**

**Our Holy God is calling to us.**

**With Jesus by our side  
may compassion be our compass;  
may the Spirit be our guide,**

**on The Way,  
on The Way,  
on The Way.**

### Prayer for the Path

**Jesus of Palm Sunday parades,  
be with us on The Way.  
We wonder if we have what it takes  
to truly march in the name of justice and love for all people.  
Are we able to sacrifice the paths that benefit only us  
for the ones that make a way in the wilderness for the least?  
We come seeking your courage and resolve  
in order to follow your way of love.  
Amen.**

**Opening Hymn “I Have Decided to Follow Jesus” TFWS 2129 vs. 1 & 2**

### **Greeting Each Other**

*Leader:* The best part of having companions on The Way is the sharing that we get to do that makes us feel just a little less alone. During this series, we will share answers to a common question with each other. I invite you to turn to someone you did not come to church with and answer this question: “What is your favorite parade?”

## **WE PROCLAIM**

Discovering Ourselves on The Way

### **First Reading**

*Psalms 37:1-9 (Inclusive Bible)*

*Don't be vexed by evildoers,  
and don't be envious of the corrupt!  
They'll soon fade like the grass,  
and wither away like unwatered plants.*

*Trust in YHWH, and do good,  
and you'll dwell in the land and enjoy security.  
Delight in YHWH,  
and you'll be given the desires of your heart.  
Commit your way to YHWH, and trust in YHWH;  
God will take action, making your vindication as sure as the dawn  
and your integrity as bright as noonday.*

*Be still before YHWH and wait patiently;  
don't fret about those who amass great fortunes  
and carry out their schemes unchallenged.  
Let go of your anger, and leave resentment behind.  
And stop worrying! It produces nothing but evil,  
and evildoers will be cut off.*

*But those who put their hope in YHWH—  
they will inherit the land.*

## Second Reading

*Luke 19: 28b-40*

*...[Jesus] went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.' " So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" They said, "The Lord needs it." Then they brought it to Jesus, and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. Now as he was approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying,*

*"Blessed is the king*

*who comes in the name of the Lord!*

*Peace in heaven,*

*and glory in the highest heaven!"*

*Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop."*

*He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."*

### **Choir Anthem "Sing Hosanna to the King"**

### **Sermon "The Other Way" Rev. Yohan Go**

#### **The Wesleyan Covenant Prayer**

I am no longer my own, but thine.

Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt.

Put me to doing, put me to suffering.

Let me be employed for thee or laid aside for thee,

exalted for thee or brought low for thee.

Let me be full, let me be empty.

Let me have all things, let me have nothing.

I freely and heartily yield all things to thy pleasure and disposal.

And now, O glorious and blessed God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,

thou art mine, and I am thine. So be it.

And the covenant which I have made on earth,

let it be ratified in heaven. Amen.

## **WE RESPOND**

Opening to the Holy on The Way

### **Sharing Joy and Concerns**

## **Prayers for Getting Out of Our Own Way**

*Leader:* Jesus was constantly seeking out time in the stillness as respite to the times when he navigated the path alongside chaotic crowds. We pause our journey today at the threshold of entering the “what’s next” of life to meet God in the stillness.

In this season of Lent, we will begin our prayers with a simple ritual of confession, a moment of personal reflection, and then we will lift our concerns and joys before God.

### **UMH #488 Jesus, Remember Me**

Jesus, remember me when you come into your Kingdom.  
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## **Confession at the Cross**

*Leader:* As we continue our Lenten pilgrimage, we return to God again and again. In a moment, I invite you to come forward, as you are able, and take a ceramic shard. Hold it in your hands, and in the silence, offer your confession to God. Then place it upon the cross near the chancel—an outward sign of an inward turning, and a witness to our trust that God is still at work among us. In Christ, even our brokenness is gathered, formed, and reformed into something beautiful: a mosaic cross of grace.

## **Ritual of Return**

### **Communal Prayer of Confession**

*Leader:* Let us pray.

**All (or Leader/People):**

**Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned—  
in what we have done, and in what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,  
so that we may walk in your ways  
and live in your love. Amen.**

### **Assurance of Pardon**

*Leader:* Hear the good news: No matter how worthy you feel of God’s acceptance, you have it because that is just the way Love works. Whether or not you know it, believe it, or feel it, Jesus is with you now because Jesus knows God’s welcome and shared it without hesitation. You are forgiven because Love *is* Home, no matter how far you think you’ve strayed. In the name of Christ, you are forgiven.

**People: In the name of Christ, you are forgiven. Amen.**

**Response Song: Be Still and Know That I Am God** by Christopher Walker, Paule Freeburg, DC

[sung together]

Be Still and Know That I Am God  
You are my chosen one to whom I love  
I give my life is yours in you  
Be Still, Be still  
And know that I Am God

### **Praying for Others Along the Way (Pastoral Prayer)**

#### **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 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, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

#### **WE GO FORTH**

Continuing with Jesus on The Way

**Offering** "On the Road" – composed by Carlos Capacho (cuatro solo)

*Doxology*

*[Tune: Old 100th]*

**Praise God, Creator of us all,  
Praise Christ, by whom we hear our call,  
Praise Spirit, that which sets us free,  
Our awe is yours, the One-in-Three.**

**Offering Prayer**      Rev. Yohan Go

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Continuing with Jesus on The Way

**Closing Hymn "Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore" UMH 344 vs. 1 & 2**

#### **Benediction**

Our blessing, or "benediction," for this season is a call and response form.  
Your response is:

“We will follow on The Way.”  
“**We will follow on The Way.**”

The Creator God filled you with breath,  
inviting you to this journey called Life.

**We will follow on The Way.**  
Jesus, our Guide, showed us what it means  
to make a new way with Love.

**We will follow on The Way.**

The Spirit gives us strength to move forward  
with Courage and Compassion for all we meet.

**We will follow on The Way.**

May this week be filled with opportunities to choose  
a path that leads to more life for all people  
and to keep moving toward horizons of love.  
May it be so. Amen.

**“Buen Camino!”**

## **Postlude “The Palms” (vocal solo, Frank Rose)**

### **Announcements**

- The worship leader for Easter Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup> is Lee Arnold.
- **Holy Week Worship Schedule**
  - **Maundy Thursday Worship:** Thursday, April 2, at **Zion Church, 35 Kilvert St., Warwick, RI** — Fellowship Dinner at 5:00 p.m. / Worship at 6:00 p.m.
  - **Good Friday English Worship:** Friday, April 3, at Asbury UMC — 6:00 p.m.
  - **Easter Worship: Sunday,** April 5, at 9:30 a.m.

### **Birthdays**

April 2<sup>nd</sup>      Linda Anton  
April 4<sup>th</sup>      Nicole Minor Jones

**Flowers**      The flowers on the altar this week are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Dorothy Mitchell.