Mid-Week Lenten Service
Wednesday, March 18, 2026

PRELUDE **"A Man of Sorrows" – Reginald W. Martin** **Ann Vogel, Organist**
WELCOME

***<u>CALL TO WORSHIP</u>**
Leader: From the cross, Jesus prayed, "Father, into Your hands I commend my spirit."
People: In trust, He let go.
Leader: When control slips from our grasp, when answers do not come, When the future feels uncertain.
People: We are invited to let go.
Leader: Not into emptiness. Not into despair. But into the hands of a faithful God.
People: Into Your hands, O God, we place our lives.
Leader: Tonight, we release our need to manage everything. We surrender what we cannot carry.
People: We trust the One who holds us.
Leader: Let us worship the God whose hands are strong enough for our fears, Tender enough for our wounds, And faithful enough for our future.
People: We come to worship with open hands and surrendered hearts.

***<u>UNISON OPENING PRAYER</u>**
Faithful God, On the cross, Your Son prayed, "Father, into Your hands I commend my spirit." In His suffering, He trusted You. In His uncertainty, He entrusted Himself to You. We confess that letting go does not come easily for us. We cling to control. We hold tightly to plans, expectations, and outcomes. We fear what might happen if we loosen our grip. Tonight, teach kus holy surrender. Not resignation, but trust. Not defeat, but confidence in Your care. Into Your hands we place our worries. Into Your hands we place our future. Into Your hands we place the parts of our lives we cannot fix. Hold us in Your mercy. Steady us with Your strength. Remind us that Your hands are faithful and sure. We let go, and we rest in You.
Through Christ our Lord, Amen.

***HYMN #476** **"I Need Thee Every Hour"**

SCRIPTURE TEXT **LUKE 23:46**

<u>MESSAGE</u> **"Letting Go Into God's Hands"** **Pastor Ed Karges**

***HYMN #500** **"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"**

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE **"God Be With You" – William G. Tomer**