

Traditional Worship Service

Why Do Bad Things Happen
to Good People?

March 30, 2025

Questions To God

Length
in mins

5:00 **Prelude**

1:30 **Live Stream Startup**

3:00 **Introit**

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5:00 **Welcome & Announcements**

1:00 **Call To Worship**

Liturgist: Julie Kronbach

Leader: We wonder why things happen the way they do.

People: We come looking for answers and deeper understanding.

Leader: Illuminate us, Lord. Teach us.

People: Be near to us God--comfort us, love us.

3:00 ***It Is Well***

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1:00 **Unison Prayer**

All: Why, Lord? Is there a pattern, a plan, a purpose to the pain of the world? While our minds seek answers, our hearts seek comfort. Gentle God, we are hurting; hold us close. Amen.

3:30 **Special Music**

"Assurance," Chorale

5:00 **A Time for Children**

Noelle Allison, Director of Children and Families

Indicate special props, placement and movement if known.

1:00 **Scripture Readings**

Psalm 137:1-6

5:00 **Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer**

1:00 **Offering Our Gifts to The Lord - Breakthrough Prayer**

Offering Introduction:

Today we have been reminded that our relationship with God is not transactional. Even when we do all the good we can, bad things can and do happen. So, we are not asked to give today as a way of bargaining with God or buying blessings. We are asked to give as a way for us to participate in God's compassion for the world. May our gifts meet those who are hurting with a sign of holy help.

Offertory Prayer:

All: God who weeps with us, receive our gifts today. Bless them and bless us to go deep into the wounds of your hurting world without judgment and without explanation. Bless us to go into your world with compassion, carrying each other's crosses until the sun rises, bringing us the warmth of new life and light once again.

4:00 **Offertory**

"Be Thou My Vision/My Shepherd Will Supply My Need," Kyle Snoich on Euphonium

1:00 ***Doxology***

20:00 **Message**

Title: Why Do Bad Things Happen To Good People

Pastor Cody

Scripture: John 11:21-35

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1:00 Prayer of Confession

All: Merciful God, we confess that there are moments in our lives when, like those in exile, we cannot bear to lift up songs of praise. In our times of pain and suffering, unable to see anything but darkness, all we can do is weep. Forgive us, O Lord, when we fail to sense your comforting presence. Help us to remember that we are to know you as Emmanuel, God with us, for you share in our weeping and light the way to new life, even as we walk in the shadow of death. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

1:00 Words of Assurance

Leader: Do not be afraid, says the Lord. For God's light shines forth no matter how deep the depths of our darkness. Take heart, for wherever you are, Christ is with you! Amen.

3:00 *Alas And Did My Savior Bleed*

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1:00 Benediction

2:00 Postlude

59:30