

**today we choose...**

some weep  
**some conspire**  
some follow  
**some hide**  
some believe  
**some betray**  
**today we choose**

to shout for life  
**to follow the cross**  
to break bread  
**to hold belief**  
to trust love  
**and tell the world**  
**we choose to follow Jesus**

~ written by Roddy Hamilton, and posted on Listening to the Stones. <http://newkilpatrickblog.typepad.com/nk-blogging/mucky-paws/>

📖 Hymn "Take Up Thy Cross" UMH 415

## **Gospel Lesson: Luke 9:22-24** **Take Up Your Cross**

**Pastor Steve Judson (Central Trinity UMC)**  
**Pastor Justin Williams (Coburn UMC)**

📖 Hymn "Have Thine Own Way" UMH 382

✝️ Benediction

🎵 Postlude

### **On Our Way to the Cross** *Following Where Jesus Leads*

<i>Date</i>	<i>Place</i>	<i>Preacher (s)</i>
Mar.25 <sup>th</sup>	Rolling Plains UMC <i>3350 Moxahala Park Road</i>	Easter Cantata

# Community Lenten Worship

Faith United  
Methodist Church

March 18, 2018




# Lenten

## Worship Schedule



 Announcements and Welcome

 Prelude

 Call to Worship

The road to the cross may be steep.

**We will journey on.**

We may lose our way.

**Let us listen for inner direction from the Holy Spirit.**

The path may be rocky.

**We shall walk lightly.**

There are twists and turns.

**We must follow closely.**

There is danger and risk.


**Be alert, stay focused.**

There will be an ending

**It isn't far now.**

Walk on,


**Trusting as we go.**

 Hymn "Jesus Calls Us" UMH 398

 Opening Prayer

Suffering God, you told us to deny ourselves, take up our cross and follow Jesus. We're still not sure we want to go that far. We had hoped that becoming followers in this day and age would be a more rational business; we had hoped to fit our religion in the spare corners of our lives. It wasn't supposed to be an inconvenience. Yet you continue to call us, and we squirm uncomfortably. Teach us to respond gratefully to your invitation. Teach us to sacrifice — not only for others, but for you. And take what we can give right now, transforming it into an offering of our deepest selves. In your Son's name we pray.

Amen.

 Call to Prayer "Cares Chorus" TFWS 2215

 Pastoral Prayer

 The Lord's Prayer UMH 895

 Giving of our Tithes & Offerings

 "The Doxology" UMH 95

 Prayer of Dedication

We come to this familiar place and give in gratitude for all which we have received.

We give not because we pledged to, and not because we have to. We give because we can.

We give in response to the life of Christ, given for us. We give in joy because of love, overflowing and unconditional. O God, let it be so. Amen.

 A Short Statement of Faith

some shout hosanna  
**some shout crucify**  
some shout Jesus  
**some shout Barabbas**  
some wave palms  
**some shake their fists**  
today we choose...

some break bread  
**some break silence**  
some proclaim Jesus  
**some deny Jesus**  
some carry the cross  
**some run from the cross**  
**today we choose...**

some are angry  
**some rejoice**  
some anoint with costly perfume  
**some complain at the waste**  
some like the light  
**some prefer the shadows**