

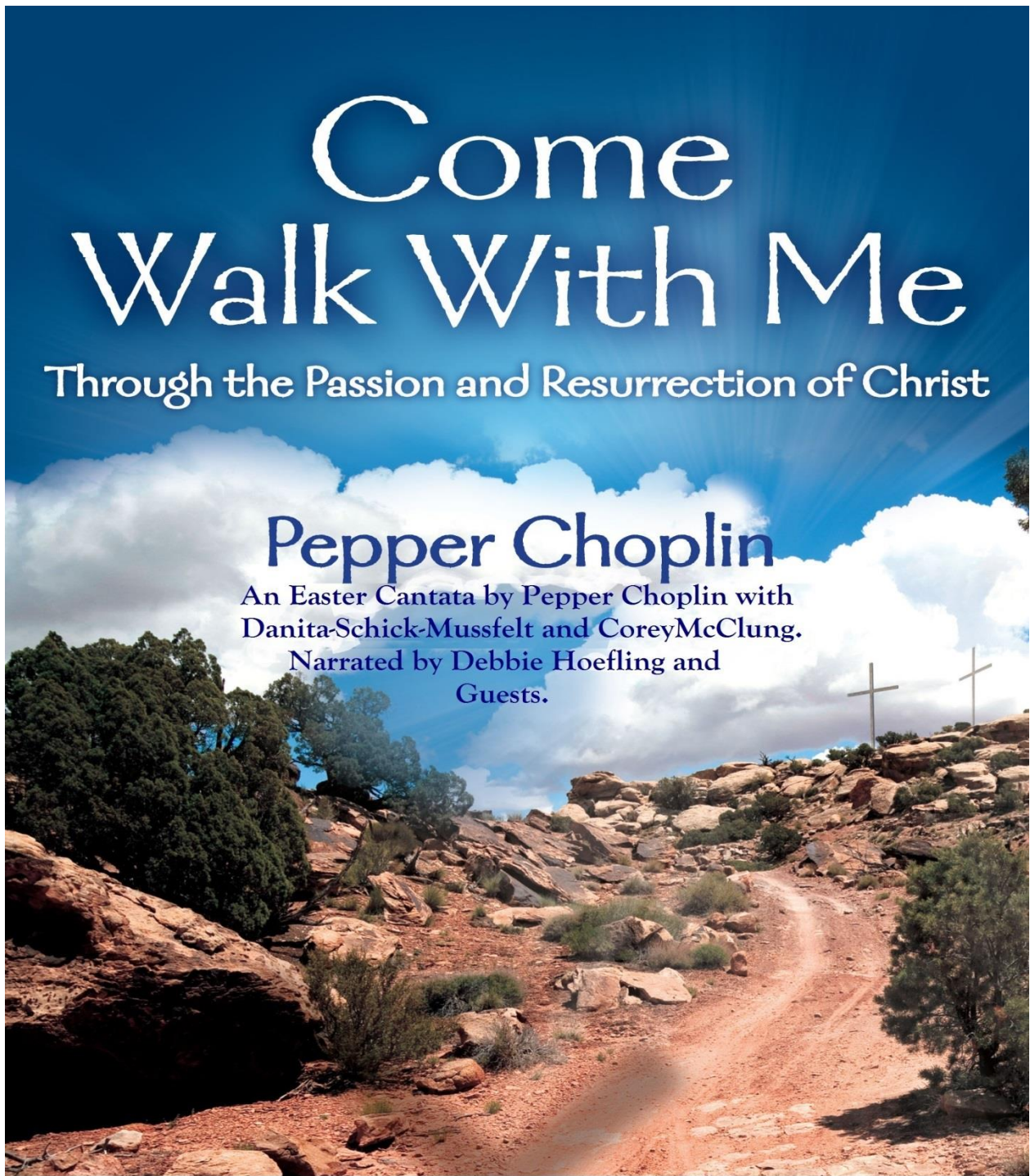
# Come Walk With Me

Through the Passion and Resurrection of Christ

**Pepper Choplin**

An Easter Cantata by Pepper Choplin with  
Danita-Schick-Mussfelt and Corey McClung.

Narrated by Debbie Hoefling and  
Guests.



**Presented By: Westminster United Church Choir**

**Directed By: Chris White**



**Westminster United Church**  
**Worship Service for April 14th, 2019**  
Today's Worship Leader is Marg McCulley  
Palm Sunday

*"We are a faith community building relationships with God, all people, and our world."*

CALL TO WORSHIP: (Gathering Beth Johnston)

One: Jesus is coming to town.

**All: Let us go to greet him.**

One: Jesus is coming to town.

**All: What will we wear?**

One: Jesus is coming to town.

**All: Oh no! The crowd has gathered quickly  
and there is no room at the road.**

**How will I know what's going on?**

One: What are you prepared to do so that you can see Jesus?

†PROCESSION OF CHRIST CANDLE: **"Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery" (VU 121 vss 4&5)**

OPENING PRAYER: (Gathering Robin Wardlow)

One: See us with our palm branches waving, Holy One,

**All: Our banners held high to welcome the hero.**

One: Hear our shouts of jubilation for the promise of new life.

Lead us through this day of joy and sorrow,

**All: This week of drama, this season of highs and lows.**

One: We remember all the heroes

Who have come in the name of Love.

We remember all the crowds who cheered them.

**All: We remember your goodness.**

One: Now we pray for the Spirit:

The Spirit of worship, the Spirit of community,

The Spirit of life.

**All: May we keep this feeling of oneness with Christ**

**In all times and seasons. Amen**

SHARING THE PEACE

†OPENING HYMN: **"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" (VU 123)**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (Gathering, Robin Wardlow)

One: How we love a winner,

**All: How we love to bask  
in the glow of the successful.**

One: We shout louder than the stones for them,  
and strip branches to line the path  
of another's daring love.

We cheer ourselves hoarse  
When someone else takes the risk.

**All: We go all out when the sun is shining  
on your dream of peace and justice.**

One: When times are good,

**All: We proudly wear the team jersey.**

One: But when the good times end,

**All: When daring love meets stubborn fear,  
We cower.**

One: Now let us settle into the silence of our hearts:  
The silence of the solitary cell, the empty street,

**All: The windy hill where crosses stand.**

(a time of silence)

One: May the Spirit that spoke so well

In Jesus of Nazareth

**All: find a home in us,**

One: loosen our tongues,

**All: and set free our hearts  
to live in Christ's Way. Amen**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE:

One: Trust in God.

**All: Our times are in God's hand.**

One: Love shines on us.

**All: Steadfast Love frees us to love. Amen**

INVITATION TO PRAYER: "**Listen, God is calling**" (MV 97 2X)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

**"The Lord's Prayer" (Spoken)**

OFFERING PRAYER: (Gathering Laura Turnbull)

One: Humble God, we gather this day  
to remember Jesus' final entry into Jerusalem.

We wish we could join  
in a great parade.

Instead, we gather as bystanders,  
offering meager gifts.

Although we know the story well,  
may these offerings  
enable those who need this message

to receive it anew.  
May the account be told  
in ever-new ways.  
We pray in the name of the Blessed One  
Amen

✠DOXOLOGY: **"Grant Us God the Grace" (VU540 2X)**

✠DEDICATION:

**All: Like palms of rejoicing, like cloaks on the ground, we bring these gifts and offer them here. Let both gifts and givers be lifted up, blessed and sent forth to do your will. Amen.**

**"Come Walk With Me" Cantata**

**A JOURNEY WITH JESUS: A LENTEN CANDLE LITURGY (*Gathering-adapted*)**

***We have now experienced the five Sundays of Lent. In that time, we have seen how God hears and accepts our laments, and how tests in the form of temptations can become a time to build resilience. We have seen a God who offers both forgiveness and abundance when we have the courage to let go and trust. Today, we joined a parade of celebration, one that will unfold much differently than we can imagine.***

***Extinguish the sixth candle***

***Postlude***

**The Westminster UCW will be hosting an Easter Egg Bun Luncheon after today's service. Join In for great food and fellowship in the Memorial Hall!**

#### ***Announcements***

*Help us keep the air we share healthy and fragrance-free. The chemicals used in scented products can make some people sick, especially those with asthma, allergies and other medical conditions. Please do not wear perfume, cologne, aftershave and other fragrances.*

The Peace Candle is lit as a reminder to Christians to pray for and work for world peace.

**Commune-I-Care callouts will be made this week by our volunteers. Thank-you to Betty Sidlick(director) for the preparation and organization of callout sheets!**

**There has been much appreciation and positive feedback given for Anna Marie's Spring Newsletter. Thank-you Anna – Marie!**

**Gordon Memorial United Church** will be holding a sunrise service on Easter Sunday at 6:18 am at Lions Park in Redcliff. There will be a pancake and sausage breakfast at the church after the service. Everyone welcome!

Be sure to mark your calendar for the "**Lunch at FAM Event**". FAM will be hosting lunch at noon on the first 4 Tuesdays in April, serving soup, dessert & a beverage for only \$5.00. Gluten free options will be available. This is a fundraiser for the Medicine Hat Women's Shelter

**Celebrate Music VI** will be held on April 14<sup>th</sup> hosted by Fifth Avenue Memorial United Church at 7pm. Tickets are \$20.00 and are available from Stone Furs, FAM office, Proceeds go to the Tower Restoration Fund.

April and May editions of "The Upper Room" are available on the ramp.

**"They Say It's Spring"** Joyful Sound Ladies' Chorus Of FAM performing Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup> @ 2:00 PM . Admission is \$10.00 at the door(FAM), \$5.00 for children 12 and under.

**U of A Mixed Chorus** featuring The Faculty of Education Handbell Ringers will be performing a concert at Fifth Avenue Memorial United Church @ 7:00 pm on Thursday, May 2. Free Will Offering.

**"SING INTO SPRING"** with the Tartones Men's chorus concert Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup> 2:00pm @ St.John's Presbyterian Church. A diverse program with Edmond Camphor, Guest Soloist Directed by Judith Dickie, Accompanist, Allison Kapcala. Free Will Offering.

**Changes to Food Bank Sunday:** you will have the opportunity to donate cash to the local Food Bank as an alternative to bringing in food donations. A separate envelope will be passed around during the offering and if you wish you may add any amount and it will be forwarded to the Food Bank on your behalf.

Donations at Coffee Time for April are allocated to Champion Centre

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***Assisting with the Service This Morning***

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<b><i>Elder-in-Charge:</i></b>	Bob McCaig
<b><i>Greeters:</i></b>	Albina Jackson & Linda Kisell
<b><i>Coffee Hosts:</i></b>	UCW (Egg Buns)
<b><i>Sound :</i></b>	Pat Evans
<b><i>PowerPoint Operator:</i></b>	Kathy Nielsen
<b><i>Wheelchair Lift Operator:</i></b>	Pat Marshall