

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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"A Holy, Healthy, and Loving Community Striving to Know Christ and to Make Christ Known"



April 3, 2022

A SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE

WORDS OF WELCOME ----- Pastor Michael Atkinson

PRELUDE ----- "Wo soll ich fliehen hin" / J.S. Bach ----- Dr. Jessica Scott

*CALL TO WORSHIP ----- Pastor Atkinson

Leader: Six days before Passover, Martha served Jesus dinner at Lazarus' house.

There, Mary took a pound of costly perfume and anointed Jesus' feet.

People: **What's that in the air?**

Leader: Mary poured her perfume on Jesus' feet and wiped his feet with her hair.

People: **She filled the air with the fragrance of her worship.**

Leader: The prayers of the saints are like rising incense before God.

People: **The fragrance of their worship fills the air.**

Leader: Today, let us raise a praise that touches the heart of God.

People: **Let the fragrance of our worship fill the air.**

ALL: **God, we offer our praise as a sweet fragrance that aspires to heaven.**

May the fragrance of our worship fill the air!

From Kwasi Kena, "The Africana Worship Book for Year C"

*OPENING PRAYER

Giver of the most expensive gift of all, help us to learn from you. May we who are so adept at catering for our own wants, make ourselves more vulnerable to the needs of others. Let us live unselfishly and more sensitively, that we may spread love's fragrance wherever the odor of cynicism and despair hangs in the air. Through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen

*HYMN #159 -----"Lift High the Cross"

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS WITH THE PASTOR

OFFERTORY- -"What Wondrous Love Is This" / arr. T. Keesecker - -Dr. Scott

SCRIPTURE LESSON ----- John 12:1-8

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him.

Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume.

But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, 'Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?' (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.)

Jesus said, 'Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.'



PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.

We have failed to be an obedient church.

We have not done your will,

we have broken your law,

we have rebelled against your love,

we have not loved our neighbors,

and we have not heard the cry of the needy.

Forgive us, we pray.

Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thank to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Leader: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth....

...and so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**ALL: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Leader: Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit...

...and so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

ALL: Christ has died; Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Leader: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine...

...through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever. **AMEN.**

THE 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, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

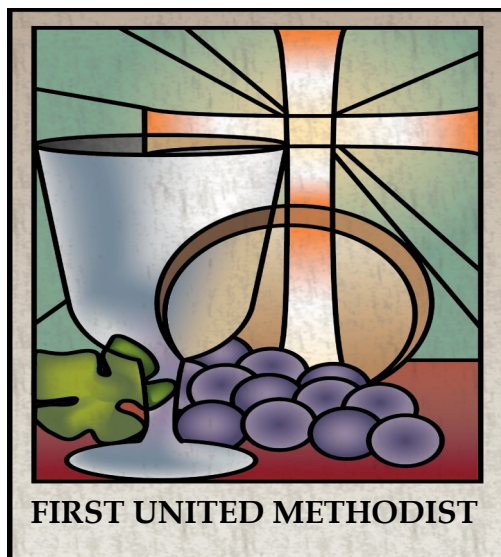
*HYMN #480 ----- "O Love, That Will Not Let Me Go"

BENEDICTION

When we see the body of Christ still broken in this world,
May we meet it with lavish grace
and pour ourselves out with extravagant love. Amen

POSTLUDE - "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" / Thomas Keesecker - - Dr. Scott

Communion Stewards — Jane Jenkins & Jeanne Warner



If you know of someone who is in the hospital, nursing home, or has a need from the church, please let Pastor Atkinson or Rev. Jenkins know

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HOLY WEEK SERVICES

MAUNDY THURSDAY — April 14th, at 7:00 p.m.

GOOD FRIDAY— April 15th, at 7:00 p.m.

EASTER SUNDAY — April 17th, at 10:45 a.m.



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BLESSING BOXES

Blessing Boxes are scattered throughout Clarksburg; one is right outside our 2nd Street entrance.

Help fill the Box with drinks and non-perishable/"ready to eat" foods.

Please remember when choosing items to folks likely do not have access to stoves, ovens, refrigeration, pots, pans, or even a can opener. Thanks!