



Our Mission: To serve and unite those we touch with the Grace of God.

Our Vision: Transforming lives to become the heart, hands and feet of Jesus in the world.

*Please stand as you are able in body or spirit.

April 3, 2022

ORDER OF WORSHIP

10:00 a.m. Service

Wearing of masks is now optional.



Prelude

“Faith”

- Mendelssohn

Greeting and Announcements

Introit

“Lord Be With Us in These Forty Days”

- Butler

***Call to Worship** by Kwasi Kena, *The Africana Worship Book*

Six days before the Passover, Martha served Jesus dinner at Lazarus’ house. There, Mary took a pound of costly perfume and anointed Jesus’ feet.

What’s that in the air?

Mary poured her perfume on Jesus’ feet and then wiped his feet with her hair.

She filled the air with the fragrance of her worship

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

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The fragrance of their worship fills the air.

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

Let the fragrance of our worship fill the air.

Let the fragrance of our worship fill the air!

God, we offer our praise as a sweet fragrance that aspires to heaven. May the fragrance of our worship fill the air!

***Hymn #2165/TFWS**

“Cry of My Heart”

Prayer of Confession - *in Unison* ~

Holy God, we open ourselves to you this day to offer the truth of our lives: The fear that stifles us, the prejudice that blinds us, the ignorance that hobbles us, the doubt that plagues us. Help us, we pray, that we will find courage in unlikely places, see the world with new and gracious eyes, move to those places where love is needed, have faith that you are with us. In the name Jesus Christ - the Anointed One - we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness:

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. **In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.**

Anthem Always By Our Side” CCLI # 6094940 - Burrows, arr. McDonald

Centering Prayer/Time of Silence ~ *please observe silence for prayer and meditation.*

Sung Responsive Psalm 126 - trans. Nan C. Merrill “*Psalms for Praying*”

Congregational Sung Refrain - *in Unison* See Screen for Responsive Reading

Return to God, with all your heart; the source of grace and mercy.

Come seek the tender faithfulness of God.

Gospel Reading

John 12:1-8 CEB trans.

Six days before Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, home of Lazarus, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. Lazarus and his sisters hosted a dinner for him. Martha served and Lazarus was among those who joined him at the table. Then Mary took an extraordinary amount, almost three-quarters of a pound, of very expensive perfume made of pure nard. She anointed Jesus’ feet with it, then wiped his feet dry with her hair. The house was filled with the aroma of the perfume. Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), complained, “This perfume was worth a year’s wages! Why wasn’t it sold and the money given to the poor?” (He said this not because he cared about the poor but because he was a thief. He carried the money bag and would take what was in it.)

Then Jesus said, “Leave her alone. This perfume was to be used in preparation for my burial, and this is how she has used it. You will always have the poor among you, but you won’t always have me.”

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The People’s Prayer - see screen or handout ~ *by St. Francis of Assisi - 13th century*
“Lord Make Me An Instrument of Your Peace” - arr. Marty Haugen
Jim Lunemann, guitar; Joel Hartle and Pastor Amanda, cantors

Offertory “Meditation” - arr. Schreiner

Doxology - set to Hymn #95 - *Projected
Praise God throughout these forty days. Praise Christ, Our Lord, whom God did raise.
And praise the Spirit who imparts God’s love in Christ into our hearts. Amen.

***Offertory Prayer**
All things come from Thee O Lord. **And of Thine own have we given Thee.**

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION (*spoken*)

<u><i>The Great Thanksgiving</i></u>	<u><i>Sanctus</i></u>
The Lord be with you.	Holy, Holy, Holy Lord. God of power and might.
And also with you.	Heaven and Earth are full of your glory.
Lift up your hearts.	Hosanna in the Highest.
We lift them up to the Lord.	Blessed is the one who comes in the name
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God	of the Lord.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.	Hosanna in the Highest.

Mystery of Faith:
Christ has died; Christ is Risen; Christ will come again.

The Lord’s Prayer - *in Unison*
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.

Post Communion Prayer
Thank you, O Christ, for this feast of life. We are fed by your love; we are strengthened by your life. We are sent forth into this world to live into the visions God has laid on our hearts. *We are now commissioned to: feed as we have been fed, forgive as we have been forgiven, love as we have been loved. Thanks be to God. Amen.*

***Hymn #UMH#383** “This is a Day of New Beginnings” verses 1 and 4

***Blessing and Benediction**

***Song of Peace**

Go in peace, my friend, till we meet again.
May God’s blessing be on you, may you be a blessing too.
May God’s Spirit burning bright, be your ever-guiding light.
God go with you, making all things new.

Postlude

“Song of Peace”

- Heaps

Palm Sunday, April 10th - 10:00 a.m. choir & full liturgy at service
collaborating with Spirit of Truth Church

Maundy Thursday, April 14th - 7:00 p.m. - simple service/no choir

Good Friday, April 15th - 7:00 p.m. choir & full liturgy at service

Easter Sunday, April 17th - 10:00 a.m. choir & full liturgy at service



UPCOMING EVENT: Pastor Amanda is on the Board of Trustees for an organization entitled End in Mind Project. They are holding an interview-style conversation on April 28th in Golden Valley, Minnesota. Kindly see April’s Grace Notes for more details regarding this event.



Lynn Kilian is retiring from her janitorial position at the church. We are currently looking for someone to fill this part-time, paid position. We ask that the church be cleaned once a week and this can be done at a time that is convenient for the applicant. If interested please contact the office at the information at the bottom of this page.

WORSHIP HELPERS: Serving us **TODAY** ~ Greeter: Glenda Wheelock; Usher: Bill Macklin; Sound: Robert Timmerman; Liturgist: Doris Marek; Acolyte: Timmerman Brothers; Communion: Doris Marek, James Milne and Mark Anderson

WORSHIP HELPERS: Serving us **Sunday, April 10th, 2022** ~ 10:00 a.m. service: Greeter: Kay Pasvogel; Usher: James Milne; Sound: Ed Sanders; Liturgist: Cara Kennedy; Acolyte: Ethan Ristow;

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