

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP  
FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT  
March 22, 2020  
11:00 A.M.

*Together in Christ, Reaching Beyond Our Doors.*

**GATHERING TO PRAISE**

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

*This is God's house – a place of peace where we befriend one another in the name of Christ. Offering a greeting as a sign of God's peace and Christ's friendship.*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Come, let us worship God, who has done great things.

**ALL: We rejoice in our God, who made a way  
through the deserts of this world.**

One: Let us worship God,  
who has caused streams of mercy to flow in the wasteland.

**ALL: Can you see it? We are the people God has formed through Christ;  
So we worship him, and we rejoice!**

One: Let us worship God who comes to us in spirit and in truth.

**ALL: We praise God for the grace that has saved us, and is saving us even now! Alleluia! We are here.**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE

"Great is Thy Faithfulness"

No. 140

A TIME TO CELEBRATE OUR CHILDREN

**CONNECTING WITH GOD IN PRAYER**

A CONFESSION TITLED "BECAUSE" written by Thom M. Shuman

Voice #1: Because

we have preserved our joy in manna jars  
for the long winter of despair,  
storing them in the dark corners of our souls,  
we have forgotten its gritty taste;

**Voice #2 & ALL: Because**

**we have put a tight lid on our joy,  
and put it in the back of the pantry,  
we have forgotten how it can tickle our noses;**

Voice #1: Because

we are so busy prattling pious platitudes  
about the poor, the least, the lost,  
we ignore your words which anoint them as your children;

**Voice #2 & ALL: Because**

**we have put up the shutters and storm doors  
to keep your future from sneaking in,  
we have missed the sweet breeze carrying your hope to us;**

Voice #1: Because

we are who we are,

restore us with the healing balm of your freeing Grace,  
so that we might be a fragrant offering to the world.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

No. 895

**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.**

### **PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE**

MINISTRY OF MUSIC "Lamb of God, What Wondrous Love" Allan Petker  
violin: Steven Leonard

Hope of the world, help to the helpless; humble servant, savior, friend; God's only son, sent to redeem us; hosannas ring praise without end. Amazing love! How great a savior! Christ come to set the captives free. A love beyond all comprehension, the grace of God for all to see. Amazing love for you and me! Jesus walked this lonesome valley, he had to walk it by himself; oh, nobody else could walk it for him; he had to walk it by himself. Jesus walked this lonesome valley, despised, rejected and alone. He carried our sorrows, griefs and burdens. He had to bear them all alone. Jesus bore them all alone.

SCRIPTURE LESSON John 12: 1-11 (NT p. 106)

Key verse: *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. . .*

Leader: The Word of God. **All: For the People of God.** Leader: Thanks be to God.

*Entering the Passion of Jesus—Lenten Sermon Series:*

SERMON "Olfactory Offering, in These Days of Social Distancing"

### **BRINGING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD**

OFFERING OUR COSTLY PERFUME (Giving our Gifts)

OFFERTORY HYMN "What Gift Can We Bring" No. 87

\*DOXOLOGY No. 94

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below. Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

\*UNISON PRAYER OVER OUR GIFTS

**Giver of the most expensive gift of all, help us to learn from you.  
May we all live unselfishly these days, that we may spread love's fragrance  
wherever the odor of cynicism and despair hangs in the air.  
Through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen!**

### **GOING OUT TO SERVE**

\*HYMN OF FOR GOING FORWARD "Sent Forth by God's Blessing" No. 664

\*BLESSING

\*CHORAL BENEDICTION "The Grace of the Lord" Robert Bitgood

\*POSTLUDE

\*All who are comfortable standing are invited to stand.