

3.22.20

Worship at The Well

Gathering Music

Greeting from The Band and Each Other

Welcoming all, Despite Corona virus

Song for All "I Know the Lord Laid His Hands"

Video Short "Building While Flying"

Welcome all, Despite Corona virus

Giving Gifts - Hands On & Digitally

Song for All "I Believe in Jesus"

The Word from Scripture

John 12: 1-11

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...*

Entering the Passion of Jesus—Lenten Sermon Series:

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

Prayer Station

*Imagine if you knew you could not fail, what would be the lavish over-the-top gift of yours (time or treasure) you would give to someone who could especially benefit from that gift? **Only for your eyes to see, write on a piece of paper words that name the gift and the recipient. Now, mark the paper with a drop of cologne or perfume you like, and keep the paper where you'll have to notice it for the next several days.** Let the unnamed woman in today's gospel inspire you with her story of giving lavishly over-the-top in a way that honors Christ.*

Focus Song "For Your Splendor"

Verse 1

I'm so concerned
With what I look like from the outside
Will I blossom into what You hope I'll be
Yet You're so patient just to help me see
The blooms come from
A deeper seed that You planted in me

Verse 2

*Sometimes it's hard to grow
When everybody's watching
To have your heart pruned
By the one who knows best
And though I'm bare and cold
I know my season's coming
And I'll spring up in Your endless faithfulness*

Chorus

*With my roots deep in You
I'll grow the branch that bears the fruit*

*And though I'm small
I'll still be standing in the storm
'Cause I am planted by the river
By Your streams of living water
And I'll grow up strong and beautiful
All for Your splendor Lord*

Verse 3

*So with my arms stretched out
I'm swaying to Your heartbeat
I'm growing with the sound of Your voice calling
You're bringing out the beauty
That You have put in me
For Your joy and for Your glory falling*

Prayer for All

**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!**

Song for All

"You Are Holy"

Blessing By All and To All

(inspired by Wendell Berry)

**Love this world. And also Love the Lord who made it.
Work for nothing, sometimes.
Love someone who does not deserve it.
Give your best away.
Plant sequoias, even when you know life is brief.
Be joyful though you have considered the facts.
And, above all, practice resurrection.
Go in Peace.**

Parting Music

Taking it Deeper Questions:

QUESTIONS that might just transform us –

What is a lavish and beyond-expectation gift you've received from another that turned things around for you? What is a lavish and beyond-expectation gift you have ever given to another, or now need to give, while you can? In times of peril, pain, or trouble in your own life, what has comforted you the most? What has carried you through? The platitudes of a pragmatist? Or the lavish and over-the-top gestures of someone who loves you?