



***The order of service is** subject to change at the leading of **the Holy Spirit**.
Italicized Bold print invites congregational response in unison.
 *Means you are **invited to stand** if able and comfortable.
 Large print hymnals, large print bulletins, service script, pew cushions,
 and Listening Assistance Devices are available at the entry of the Sanctuary
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WE GATHER TOGETHER

Prelude Harlan Otter

Words to Ponder:
 All you who journey with Jesus through Lent, trade your tears for joy, and your past for God's future.
 Give your best gifts freely to those who long for God's peace.

Welcome and Announcements

Missions Moment Jerry and Kay Jones

Introit "Were You There?" Bell Choir
 -American Spiritual

***Call to Worship** Patty Dayton
 When the Lord restored our fortunes, we were like those who dream.
Then our mouths were filled with laughter, and our tongues were loosed with shouts of joy.
 Then they said among the nations, "The Lord has done great things for them."
The Lord has done great things for us, and we are glad.
 Restore our fortunes, O God, like ancient, flowing streams.
Let those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy!

***Opening Prayer**
 Walk with us, Spirit of Christ, on this Lenten journey.
 Show us what to bring with us and what to leave behind.
 Give us the courage to leave the past behind, that we may see the new things that lie ahead.
 Then let us pick up our very best gifts in order to give them to others in your name, that our lives may
 be complete, and our hearts may be made whole. In the Spirit and the joy of Christ, our friend, we pray.
 Amen.

***Hymn of Praise** "Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above" (v1-2&4) UMH#126

***Passing of the Peace Of Christ** Pastor Ed

Children's Message Pastor Ed
WE HEAR THE WORD

Prayer of Confession (in unison) Patty Dayton
 God of grace, you call us into your glorious future. When we dwell on the past, you tell us to remember

no longer the things of old. When we fail to notice the poor among us, you call us to give freely of what
 we have.
 When we are reluctant to share our gifts and talents, you give your own life so that we may live.
 Free us, Holy Spirit, from self-absorption and from fear. Amen.

Words of Assurance Pastor Ed

Hymn of Response "Give Me Jesus" #3140

Scripture Reading Isaiah 43:16-21 Patty Dayton

¹⁶ Thus says the LORD,
 who makes a way in the sea,
 a path in the mighty waters,
¹⁷ who brings out chariot and horse,
 army and warrior;
 they lie down, they cannot rise,
 they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:
¹⁸ Do not remember the former things,
 or consider the things of old.
¹⁹ I am about to do a new thing;
 now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
 I will make a way in the wilderness
 and rivers in the desert.
²⁰ The wild animals will honor me,
 the jackals and the ostriches;
 for I give water in the wilderness,
 rivers in the desert,
 to give drink to my chosen people,
²¹ the people whom I formed for myself
 so that they might declare my praise.

(Musical Interlude)

***Gospel Reading** John 12:1-8 Patty Dayton

Mary Anoints Jesus
¹² Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from
 the dead. ² There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table
 with him. ³ Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped
 them^[a] with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. ⁴ But Judas Iscariot, one of
 his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, ⁵ "Why was this perfume not sold for three
 hundred denarii^[b] and the money given to the poor?" ⁶ (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.) ⁷ Jesus said,
 "Leave her alone. She bought it^[c] so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. ⁸ You always have the
 poor with you, but you do not always have me."

Reflecting on God's Message "What's This Really About?" Pastor Ed

Prayers of the People

Pastor Ed

Invitation of the Offering

Pastor Ed

Offertory anthem

“For This Bread, For This Wine”

Singing Choir

By John Purifoy

Offering Prayer

Pastor Ed

Receive, O God, all that we are: our treasures, our time, our talents, and even our forgiven flaws.
May your grace be made known through our giving, that others may be healed by the Spirit of Christ,
our friend. Amen.

***Doxology**

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

UMH # 95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, Ye heavenly Host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

***Sending Hymn**

“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing” (v1-2&5)

UMH#3001

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.
Do not let us fall into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

Benediction

Postlude

Harlan Otter



*Anonymous. Mary Anoints Jesus' Feet - detail, from Art in the Christian Tradition

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*You are invited to worship with us in the quiet of prayer, in the joy of song,
and in the desire to grow in the grace and knowledge of our LORD Jesus Christ.
Part of our mission is to be a place for all people. All are welcome here!
Whatever your gender identity, age, race, religious background, economic status,
sexual orientation or condition of ableness, we greet you as a beloved child of God.*