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CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

10:30 A.M.

✠ Fifth Sunday in Lent ✠

April 6, 2025

Communion

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

** Please stand in body or in spirit.*

A WORD OF WELCOME AND RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

CENTERING SONG

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

GtG # 829 (v. 1)

My faith looks up to Thee, Thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry, Sav - ior de - vine!

Now hear me while I pray; take all my guilt a - way; O let me

from this day be whol - ly thine!

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive) *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.

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!

*PRAYER *The Fragrance Prayer* written by Cardinal John Henry Newman, associated with Mother Teresa

*HYMN

A Prophet-Woman Broke a Jar

GtG #201

A prophet-woman broke a jar, by Love's divine appointing.
With rare perfume she filled the room, presiding and anointing.
A prophet-woman broke a jar, the sneers of scorn defying.
With rare perfume she filled the room, preparing Christ for dying.

A faithful woman left a tomb by Love's divine commission.
She saw; she heard; she preached the Word, arising from submission.
A faithful woman left a tomb, with resurrection gospel.
She saw; she heard; she preached the Word, apostle to apostles.

Though woman-wisdom, woman-truth, for centuries were hidden,
unsung, unwritten, and unheard, derided and forbidden,
The Spirit's breath, the Spirit's fire, on free and slave descending,
can tumble our dividing walls, our shame and sadness mending.

The Spirit knows; the Spirit calls, by Love's divine ordaining,
the friends we need, to serve and lead, their powers and gifts unchaining.
The Spirit knows; the Spirit calls, from women, men and children,
the friends we need, to serve and lead. Rejoice, and make them welcome!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

Like Judas, God of new things, we like to complain about your generous ways, rather than living in your grace. The poor are always with us, we believe, which justifies our ignoring them. In our memories, we focus on a perceived golden past, and so we ignore the new things you do in our midst. We are so enamored with our achievements that we are not willing to throw them away in order to follow Jesus. Forgive us, Restoring God, and help us to notice the kingdom springing forth in our midst. By your grace, may our fears turn to faith, our seeds of grief produce a bumper crop of joy, and our tears turn into torrents of tenderness as we journey with Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, to Jerusalem.

Time for silent reflection. AMEN.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE (responsive)

Our God fulfils his promises and is true to his word. We have confessed our sins.
God has forgiven us, because Christ died for us. **Amen.**

GLORIA PATRI (*unison*)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

ANTHEM

There is a Balm in Gilead

St. Andrew Choir

PASSING THE PEACE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Those with prayer requests worshipping online, please text Anne the day before so your request can be lifted-831-345-6324

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Song of prayer *"Come and fill"* (pew song sheet)

Prayers lifted to God and The Lord's Prayer (*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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

*HYMN

Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken

GtG # 498

Loaves were broken, words were spoken by the Galilean shore.

Jesus, Bread of Life from heaven, was their food forevermore.

Refrain:

By your body broken for us, by your wine of life outpoured,

Jesus, feed again your people. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

Loaves were broken, words were spoken in a quiet room one night.

In the bread and wine you gave them, Christ, you came as Light from Light. (Refrain)

Loaves are broken, words are spoken, as in faith we gather here.

Jesus speaks across the ages: "I am with you; do not fear!" (Refrain)

By the loaves you break and give us, send us in your name to share bread for which the millions hunger, words that tell your love and care. (Refrain)

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (*unison*)

O God, I ask for the illumination of my soul, that I may see Your light and understand Your truth. May my heart be filled with the fragrance of Your love, and may my actions reflect the beauty of Your grace. Guide my steps, and let my life be a testament to Your glory. Amen.

FIRST LESSON

Ephesians 5:1-2

NT page#194

Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

SECOND LESSON

John 12:1-8

NT page #106

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."

SERMON

Fragrance of Faith

The Rev. Anne McAnelly

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

OFFERING

Doxology (*unison*)

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Offering Prayer (*responsive*)

Extravagant God, lavishing your love on our poverty of heart: inspire us to give with generosity, to love life so that we may find it again, and thus the world will be filled with the fragrance of your love; through Jesus Christ, who offers himself for us. **Amen.**

HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION

Hear the words of our Savior: "Come to me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls."

Come, then, for all is ready.

**We come not because we ought, but because we may,
not because we are righteous, but because we are penitent,
not because we are strong, but because we are weak,
not because we are whole, but because we are broken.**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

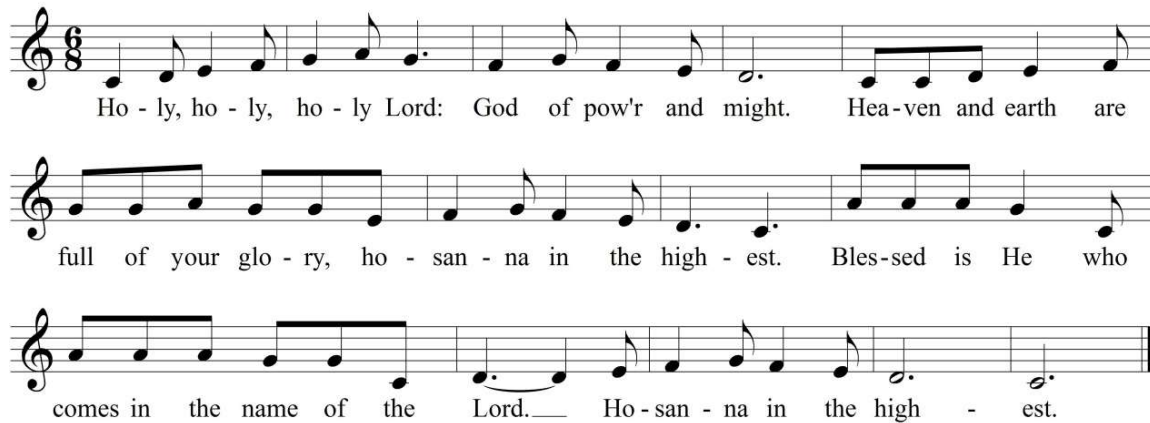
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right for us to give thanks and praise.

With joy we praise you, gracious God, for you have created heaven and earth, made us in your image, and kept covenant with us— even when we fell into sin. We give you thanks for Jesus Christ, our Lord, by whose grace we may triumph over temptation, be more fervent in prayer, and be more generous in love. Therefore, we join our voices with all the saints and angels and the whole creation to proclaim the glory of your name.

Sanctus

Don Adkins



You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. He took upon himself the weight of our sin and carried the burden of our guilt. He shared our life in every way, and, though tempted, was sinless to the end. Baptized as your own, he went willingly to his death and by your power was raised to new life. In his dying and rising, 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. Lord, you surround us with your grace, envelop us with the aroma of your love, the fragrance of our faith as we come to your table.

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and wine, that our sharing of the bread we break and the cup we bless may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ. Following Christ's example let us join in praying his prayer (The Lord's prayer)

WORDS OF INSTITUTION (Join in these sacred words, repeating Jesus' words, blessing the bread and wine as Jesus did with his disciples)

DISTRIBUTION OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP

Let us retain the elements so we may partake together. While the elements are being served, the congregation is invited to sing 227 Jesus, Remember Me

CLOSING PRAYER

WE LIVE TO SERVE

*HYMN

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

GtG # 213

In the cross of Christ I glory, towering o'er the wrecks of time;
all the light of sacred story gathers round its head sublime.

When the woes of life o'er-take me, hopes deceive, and fears annoy,
never shall the cross forsake me; lo, it glows with peace and joy.

When the sun of bliss is beaming light and love upon my way,
from the cross the radiance streaming adds more luster to the day.

Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure, by the cross are sanctified;
peace is there that knows no measure, joys that through all time abide.

In the cross of Christ I glory, towering o'er the wrecks of time;
all the light of sacred story gathers round its head sublime.

BENEDICTION

The service of worship ends, the service of neighbor and world begins!

TODAY'S WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

- **LITURGIST:** Gene Burk
- **GREETERS:** Jan Maack
- **COFFEE HOSTS:** Linda Walker
- **OFFERING COUNTER:** Pat Manning
- **COMMUNION SERVERS:** Janet Maack, Kathryn Adkins, Pat Manning



Unity Candle

Today we pray for San Martin Presbyterian Church, and Rev. Trevor Van Laar.

Nestled under a centuries-old oak tree, this lovely church is notable for its redwood steeple and large round window welcoming the rural community of San Martin.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, April 6	Bible Study @ 1 pm, read Chapter 5
	Bell Choir @ 2:30 pm
Wednesday, April 9 th	Outreach Mtg @ 12 noon
Thursday, April 10 th	Choir Rehearsal @ 2 pm

Lenten Study: You are invited to join us during Lent to explore forgiveness in our lives through Marjorie Thompson's book, "Forgiveness: A Lenten Study". Mondays at 1:00 on Zoom (same link as worship).

St. Andrew Spring Cleaning

Saturday April 12 from 9:00 am to 12:00

It is that time again to give the sanctuary its yearly cleaning! Come and help us wash the windows, clean the woodwork on the pews, dust the bibles and hymnals, vacuum and clean the fabric, etc. Please bring your favorite cleaning tools such as towels, squeegees, buckets, hand vacuums, and small step ladders to reach those tall windows.

Snacks will be provided by the Nurture Committee!



Holy Week is soon approaching. A time we recall the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross to give us the freedom we find in our faith. As we anticipate that gift we will gather on Maundy Thursday (April 17) at 6:30 pm for a service of love as we recall Jesus' last meal with his disciples as we partake in communion. We will gather around Christ's table and break bread in small groups, and wash each other's hands remembering Jesus washing the disciples' feet. Coty Catlin will be playing harp and lyre along with Manuel Florendo, Native American flutes. I pray you will join us for this sacred service, the darkness before the joy of Easter. All are welcome.

Easter Sunday

Done your Easter bonnets, get out your best jacket, or simply come as you are, as we join to celebrate the Joy of Easter - our new life in Christ! Death could not hold him, God had the last word, and we are washed in the abundant grace and love of the divine. Easter Service starts at 10:30 on April 20th followed by a courtyard gathering. Invite a neighbor



and be ready to sing as we lift our voices in praise for the precious gift of the Resurrection.