



*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.

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WE GATHER TOGETHER

Prelude Harlan Otter

Words to Ponder:

Be Thou our vision, O God. Be our eyes.
Be our hearts.
Be the grace that flows through our lives.
Only with your eyes can we see rightly.

Welcome and Announcements

Introit "Praise God for This Holy Ground" Chancel Choir
By John L. Bell

***Call to Worship** Pat Tripp

Dawn is breaking. Christ's light is shining.
The Light of the world shines in our lives.
Put aside the cares of the night.
In the Lord, we live in the light.
Even in the darkest valley, God illuminates our path.
Even in times of despair, hope shines forth.
Sleeper, awake! Christ's light is shining.
The Light of the world shines in our lives.

***Opening Prayer**

Light of all lights, be our vision this day.
Open our eyes to behold your glory.
Open our hearts to the warmth of your love.
Open our minds to the flame of your truth.
Open our souls to the glory of living as children of light, that others may see in our living the sacred mystery of your kingdom. Amen.

***Hymn of Praise** "Open My Eyes So I Might See" UMH#454

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

Children's Message Pastor Ed

WE HEAR THE WORD

Prayer of Confession (in unison) Pat Tripp

In our weakness, O God, we often fear what we do not understand.
In our blindness, we fail to see others as you do.
Yet, we long to see as you see and to perceive as you perceive.
We yearn to cast aside the shadows of the night and live as children born anew in the light of your love.
Help us behold your glory this day, that we might reflect your light for all to see. Amen.

Words of Assurance Pastor Ed

Hymn of Response "Lamb of God" TFWS#2113

***Gospel Reading** John 12:1-8 Pat Tripp

Jesus Anointed at Bethany

12 Six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus lived, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. **2** Here a dinner was given in Jesus' honor. Martha served, while Lazarus was among those reclining at the table with him. **3** Then Mary took about a pint^[a] of pure nard, an expensive perfume; she poured it on Jesus' feet and wiped his feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume.
4 But one of his disciples, Judas Iscariot, who was later to betray him, objected, **5** "Why wasn't this perfume sold and the money given to the poor? It was worth a year's wages.^[b]" **6** He did not say this because he cared about the poor but because he was a thief; as keeper of the money bag, he used to help himself to what was put into it.
⁷ "Leave her alone," Jesus replied. "It was intended that she should save this perfume for the day of my burial. ⁸You will always have the poor among you,^[c] but you will not always have me."

Reflecting on God's Message "The \$90,000 Foot Massage." Pastor Ed

Prayers of the People

Invitation of the Offering Pastor Ed

Offertory anthem "Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)" Chancel Choir
By Chris Tomlin

***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

Offering Prayer

Pastor Ed

Loving shepherd, gentle savior, we give you thanks this day:
for rest in green pastures,
for refreshment beside still waters,
for health and wholeness for our souls.
As we rejoice in your goodness and mercy, we offer you our gifts this day.
Through our offering, may others be blessed, as we have been blessed from your hand. Amen.

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

***Sending Hymn**

“Great is Thy Faithfulness”

UMH#140

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



* Mary Washing Jesus- The Feet of Jesus

Fourth Sunday in Lent

3.19.2023 | 9:30 am

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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 missi0on 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.*