

SERVICE OF WORD & SACRAMENT: HOLY COMMUNION
APRIL 7, 2019 FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT



GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

11:00 AM

RINGING OF THE BELL

OPENING VOLUNTARY

REFLECTIONS
BRYAN LOHR, ORGAN

DAVID PAXTON

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

CHORAL INTROIT

SAID JUDAS TO MARY

SYDNEY CARTER

THE SANCTUARY CHOIR AND ERIC RINGLER, SOLOIST

Said Judas to Mary, "Now what will you do with your ointment so rich and so rare?"
"I'll pour it all over the feet of the Christ and I'll wipe it away with my hair," she said,
"I'll wipe it away with my hair."

"Oh Mary, Oh Mary, O think of the poor – this ointment, it could have been sold,
and think of the blankets and think of the bread you could buy with the silver and gold," he said,
"you could buy with the silver and gold."

"Tomorrow, tomorrow I'll think of the poor, tomorrow," she said, "not today;
for dearer than all of the poor in the world is my love who is going away," she said,
"my love who is going away."

Said Jesus to Mary, "Your love is so deep, today you may do as you will.
Tomorrow you say I am going away, but my body I leave with you still," he said,
"my body I leave with you still."

"The poor of the world are my body," he said, "to the end of the world they shall be,
the bread and the blankets you give to the poor you will know you have given to me," he said,
"you'll know you have given to me."

"My body will hang on the cross of the world tomorrow," he said, "not today,
and Martha and Mary will find me again and wash all my sorrow away," he said,
"and wash all my sorrow away."

The **Lenten worship banner** hanging in the front of the sanctuary depicts our journey with Jesus to the cross and toward the death that ultimately brings resurrection life. This week's panel, symbolizing the themes of God's forgiveness and reconciliation, was stitched by Eleanor Johnson.

The **choral introit** imagines the dialogue between Mary of Bethany, Judas Iscariot, and Jesus from this morning's Gospel Lesson. Sydney Carter was a leader in the folksong renaissance in English church music in the 1960's.

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

In days gone by, the Lord made a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters.

But in these days, God is doing a new thing!

Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old.

God is doing a new thing!

Now it springs forth – do you not perceive it?

God is doing a new thing!

The Lord will make a way in the wilderness.

God is doing a new thing!

The Lord will give rivers of water in the desert.

God is going a new thing, that we may declare the praise of the Lord!

Come, the Lenten journey continues; Jerusalem and the cross await...

*** HYMN #630**

FAIREST LORD JESUS

“CRUSADERS’ HYMN”

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Just and merciful God, in your presence and before one another, we confess our failure to be what you created us to be. You created us to be good and faithful, but we regularly stray from your ways. We neglect to hear and act upon your call to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you. We set limits on your love and often turn to fear instead of hope, and despair instead of joy. We rely more on ourselves than upon your Holy Spirit, and so find ourselves participating in systems and structures of sin and injustice. Forgive us, O God. Restore us and show us how to live more faithfully as your people through Jesus Christ our Lord...

(Silence for personal prayer and reflection.)

KYRIE ELEISON #437

YOU ARE THE LORD, GIVER OF MERCY

“WAYFARING STRANGER”

You are the Lord, giver of mercy!

You are the Christ, giver of mercy!

You are the Lord, giver of mercy!

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

*** RESPONSE #581**

GLORY BE TO THE FATHER

“GLORIA PATRI”

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.

*** PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

(Please greet one another with signs of peace.)

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lent is the 40-day season before Easter (not including Sundays). Originally, it was a time of preparing candidates for baptism. Over the centuries it has evolved into a time devoted to renewing our understanding of what it means to be a follower of Christ. We observe Lent in anticipation of the resurrection, and we celebrate Easter remembering the cost of the cross’s life-giving victory. Lent began on March 6th with Ash Wednesday and will conclude on April 20th, the day before Easter Sunday.

FIRST READING

PSALM 126 (To be sung by all.)

PSALTER #74

WHEN GOD RESTORED OUR COMMON LIFE (PSALM 126)

"RESIGNATION"

SECOND READING

JOHN 12:1-8

PEW BIBLE, NT, P. 100

SERMON

REV. WALT PETERS

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

* HYMN #201

A PROPHET-WOMAN BROKE A JAR

"HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING"

INVITATION TO OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING

ONE AT THE FEAST

CRAIG COURTNEY

THE SANCTUARY CHOIR AND BRENDA LUGER FLUTE

He broke bread at their tables, he joined them in their feasts,
and many asked the Savior, "Why do you dine with these,
the outcast and the sinner, the dying and the poor?
There are many greater than these you sit before."

*Break the bread and pour the wine, let them drink, let them dine.
None is greater than the least: All are one, one at the feast.*

So let the poor and the wealthy be seated side by side,
the sick among the healthy, the widowed by the bride,
the hungry and the thirsty with those who have been fed
and share the feast together, come share the wine and bread.

Gather at the table, come and take your place.

There is room for many at the feast of grace.

With the bread remember, with the wine recall

Jesus gave his body and his love for all.

* AT THE PRESENTATION # 708 WE GIVE THEE BUT THINE OWN (verse 1)

"SCHUMANN"

We give thee but thine own, what-e'er the gift may be;
all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.

* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

SEALING THE WORD: HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT 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 to give our thanks and praise.

Many of us give our monetary offering weekly. Many of us give our offering monthly or even yearly. This morning, even if you are not putting your monetary offering in the plate today, please touch the inside of the plate when it goes by. This will help us remember that the gift we are offering is actually ourselves.

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise,
 O God, our creator and redeemer.
 In your wisdom you made all things and sustain them by your power.
 You formed us in your image to love and serve you.
 You freed your people from slavery and led them through the waters of the sea.
 You fed them bread in the wilderness, gave your law on a holy mountain,
 and led them into the land of promise.
 When they faltered, you sustained them.
 When they sinned, you spoke through the prophets,
 calling them back to obedience and righteousness.
 And when the time was right,
 you sent your only Son to be the way to eternal life.
 As those who have been made your people
 and recipients of all that you have done,
 we offer our thanks and praise,
 joining our voices with the heavenly choirs
 and with all the faithful of every time
 and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
 pow - er, God of might, heav - en and earth are
 full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the
 high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the

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, he gave birth to your church,
 delivering us from slavery to sin and death,
 and making with us a new covenant by water
 and the Spirit. And so remembering all your mighty
 and merciful acts, we take this bread
 and this wine from the gifts you have given us,
 and celebrate with joy the redemption won for us in Jesus Christ.

Our greatest rejoicing can come only around the Table of the Lord as we share in communion with Christ and with God's people. When that is not possible, offering of ourselves and of our tangible gifts can be a beginning response to the Word.

Accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving
as a living and holy offering of ourselves,
that our lives may proclaim the One crucified and risen.



Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us
and upon these gifts of bread and wine,
that the bread we break and the cup we bless
may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ.
By your Spirit unite us with the living Christ
and with all who are baptized in his name,
that we may be one in ministry in every place.
As this bread is Christ's body for us,
send us out to be Christ's body in the world.
Help us to be obedient to your call to love all your children:
to do justice, and to show mercy,
and to live in peace with your whole creation.
Give us strength to serve you faithfully until the promised day of resurrection,
when with the redeemed of all the ages, we will feast with you in glory.

**Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever.
And as our savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name; your kingdom come; your will be done,
on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive our sins as we forgive those
who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

BRENDA LUGER, FLUTE AND BRYAN LOHR, ORGAN

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We give you thanks, O God, for here at your table we have been transformed from
individuals into the body of Christ. As you have fed us in this place, send us out so that we
may become messengers of your reconciling love for all people. Help us to share your
grace with others and draw us ever closer to you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The sung responses in today's communion liturgy come from *Mass of Creation (Glory to God #565-568)*, composed in 1984 by Marty Haugen.

We will receive communion in our seats this morning. As you pass the bread to your neighbor, please say, "The bread of heaven". As you pass the tray of cups to your neighbor, please say, "The cup of salvation."

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

* **HYMN #516**

FOR THE BREAD WHICH YOU HAVE BROKEN

“KINGDOM”

* **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

* **SUNG BENEDICTION #306**

BLEST BE THE TIE THAT BINDS

“DENNIS”

(Please join hands as we sing together.)

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love.
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

FUGUE IN B MINOR
BRYAN LOHR, ORGAN

J. S. BACH
BWV 544

* When this symbol precedes an element of the service, please rise in body or spirit.
Please join in reading or singing those parts of the service printed in **bold**.

This Morning’s Worship Leaders

Preacher.....	Rev. Walt Peters
Liturgist.....	Sharon Kazary
Director of Music Ministries.....	Bryan Lohr
Musicians.....	The Sanctuary Choir and Brenda Luger, Flute
Sound Technician	Joe Aurigemma
Ushers.....	David Stickler and Burt Hiester

MISSION STATEMENT

Empowered by the Holy Spirit, we worship God and proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ by loving our neighbors and promoting peacemaking, justice and care of the earth.

VISION STATEMENT

We strive to be a community grounded in the good news of God’s love in Christ where all of God’s children are:

- Welcomed and cherished
- Called to worship, learn and grow together in faith, and
- Sent to share God’s love and justice with a broken and hurting world.

Adopted by the Session on September 17, 2015

WORSHIP & MUSIC

RULING ELDERS: DAVID STICKLER & CATHY LEVITAS

Holy Week Services

*Palm/Passion Sunday, April 14th at 11:00AM at First Presbyterian Church

*Maundy Thursday, April 18th at 7:00PM at First Presbyterian Church

*Good Friday, April 19th at 7:00PM at First Presbyterian Church

*Egg Hunt/Blessing Milestone, April 20th at 10:00AM at First Presbyterian Church (Fellowship Hall)

*Easter Sunday, April 21st = Sunrise service at First Presbyterian Church at 7:00AM and a traditional service in the sanctuary of First Presbyterian at 11:00AM

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME VISITORS: We are glad you found your way to First Presbyterian Church of Cumberland. For more information about opportunities to worship, learn and serve with us, we encourage you to visit the table outside the church office. You can also learn more about us at www.fpc-cumberland.org and www.facebook.com/First.Pres.Cumberland. Childcare is provided in the nursery. An usher will be glad to direct you there.

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP: While we do provide a nursery for young children, we also welcome you to bring your child with you to worship. We have "worship bags" in the back of the sanctuary that include materials for drawing and coloring, as well as Bible stories and Bible word-find games. After the Time for Young Disciples, children may go to the nursery for a Bible lesson or remain in the sanctuary. Our "Young Children in Worship" pew card contains information about why young children should be encouraged to come to worship and how parents and others can engage them more fully in worship.

THE PRAY-GROUND is a special space in the sanctuary for our youngest children and their families. All families are welcome to come and sit in the right front pews with their children seated on the rug. This front row seat will allow God's youngest children to participate in the service in a place where they can see and hear best. There will be activities provided so that their little hands are kept busy while participating in worship. "Jesus said to them, 'Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it'" (Mark 10:14-15).

FRIENDSHIP PADS: Please locate and sign the red pad in your pew, tear off the sheet and place it in the collection plate during the offering. This important practice allows us to be mindful of new folks and long-time members as well, and is a good way to learn (or remember) the names of those with whom you are seated. **If you are visitor, please fill out the "Welcome to First Presbyterian Church" card in the pew rack and put it in the offering plate when it comes by during the service.**

PERSONAL LISTENING DEVICES: (amplifiers) are available in the back of the church for use during worship. Please see an usher for assistance.

WORSHIP BROADCASTS ON YOUTUBE: To view worship services live or to view taped worship services, go to www.youtube.com (First Presbyterian Church of Cumberland Live Stream) or go to our website <http://www.fpc-cumberland.org/> and click on "click here to view our worship service" located at the bottom of the home page.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS: Please contact Michael Levitas or the church office if you would like to sponsor flowers for a special occasion like a birthday or anniversary or in memory or honor of someone. You may specify live or silk flowers. Silk flower money will be directed to the Special Ministries Fund.

ACS REALM & E-GIVING: Over this past week you should have received an email invite to set up an account within ACS Realm as well as e-blasts with additional resources and support on how to use Realm and E-giving. Please contact the church office if you have any additional questions or if you would like assistance with creating your account.

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE

RULING ELDERS: AGNES YOUNT & GARY HENDRICKSON

ANNUAL GIVING YEAR-TO-DATE:	as of March 31, 2019
Total 2019 Pledges Promised	\$217,442.00
Pre-paid pledges	\$ 8,592.00
<u>2018 Pledge Balance Promised</u>	<u>\$205,850.00</u>
Pledge Balance Received Year-to-Date	\$ 51,247.00
Pledge Balance Promised Year-to-Date	\$ 52,212.00
Over/(Under)	\$ (965.00)

SUNDAY ATTENDANCE

April 1, 2018
107 (Easter)

March 31, 2019
68

FAITH FORMATION

RULING ELDERS: JOE WEAVER & ANN KELLERMEYER

LENTEN STUDY MINI SERIES: As we continue our Lenten journey toward Easter and the Cross, First Presbyterian Church and Emmanuel Episcopal Church of Cumberland, in conjunction with the Cumberland Choral Society, will be offering an opportunity to join together for a two-part mini-series focusing on the Form of the Mass and the Schubert Mass in A Flat. **Emmanuel Episcopal Church hosted the first of these gatherings on Thursday, April 4th, and First Presbyterian Church will conclude the study this Thursday, April 11th. Each study will begin with supper at 6:00 PM followed by a presentation at 6:45 PM.** As we prepare ourselves for the coming of Easter, please consider making time to join us for this exciting study.

EASTER EGG BLESSING MILESTONE: Join us on **Saturday, April 20th, at 10:00 AM** in the Fellowship Hall for our Easter Egg Blessing. This is a Milestones Ministry Moment for young children, grandchildren, and any interested families and friends! We will start the morning with a breakfast potluck. We will provide drinks, plates, silverware, and ask that you bring a breakfast food to share. Activities will include a devotional, egg coloring, egg hunting, a blessing of the eggs, and the making of gifts for our home-bound friends.

EASTER FLOWERS 2019

If you would like to purchase flowers for the Sanctuary on Easter Sunday, please indicate your selection and total below. Please let us know whether you wish to take your flowers home, or if you wish them to be given to one of our in-home or nursing care members. **Orders are due by Sunday, April 7th.**

	Price Each	Quantity	Total
Lily	\$6.00	_____	\$_____
Tulips	\$6.00	_____	\$_____
Hyacinths	\$6.00	_____	\$_____
Chrysanthemums	\$6.00	_____	\$_____
		Total _____	\$_____

My floral gift is in honor/memory of: _____

Given to the Glory of God by: _____

Please indicate: I would like to take my flowers home _____ I would like to donate the flowers _____

Easter Music 2019

You can also celebrate Easter by contributing to the Special Music Fund. This fund is separate from the budget and is used to pay guest musicians who provide special music during worship on holidays and throughout the year. *(Note: Special Music money may be given any time of the year.)*

Special Music Contribution _____ \$ _____

My Special Music gift is in honor/memory of: _____

Given to the Glory of God by: _____

Checks for music should be made payable to First Presbyterian Church. This form must be returned to the church no later than **Sunday, April 14th** if you want your dedication listed in the bulletin.

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

MONDAY, APRIL (8)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN
4:45 PM ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE MEETING IN THE PARLOR

TUESDAY, APRIL (9)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN
5:00 PM FAITH FORMATION MEETING IN THE PARLOR
6:30 PM BUILDING & GROUNDS WORK NIGHT

WEDNESDAY, APRIL (10)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN
10:30 AM STAFF MEETING IN THE PARLOR
5:15 PM CONGREGATIONAL CARE & OUTREACH MEETING IN THE PARLOR
6:15 PM JOYBELLS REHEARSAL IN THE LIBRARY
7:00 PM N.A. GROUP MEETING IN THE HERITAGE ROOM
7:30 PM SANCTUARY CHOIR REHEARSAL IN THE CHOIR ROOM

THURSDAY, APRIL (11)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN
6:00 PM LENTEN STUDY MINI-SERIES (FPC)

FRIDAY, APRIL (12)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

SATURDAY, APRIL (13)

9:00 AM PEO MEETING IN THE PARLOR
6:00 PM N.A. GROUP MEETING IN THE HERITAGE ROOM

SUNDAY, APRIL (14)

9:45AM AN ILLUSTRATED COMPASSION: LEARNING TO LOVE LIKE GOD (2-5 YEAR OLDS)
9:45 AM FEASTING ON THE WORD - EARLY ELEMENTARY (K-2ND GRADE)
9:45 AM PERSONALIZED BIBLE STORIES (ADULTS)
11:00AM SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY: PALM/PASSION SUNDAY

The Great Dakota Giveaway!

Soup & Chili Rodeo, Live and Silent Auction

Sunday, April 28th at 12:30 PM

Help us raise funds to send inspired volunteers to serve at a
summer learning camp for children in South Dakota

Yes, I will come to support our volunteers and enjoy this fellowship and food event.
(All the food you can eat for only \$5 per person!)

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Number attending: _____

I can donate the following items: _____

I can donate the following service to be auctioned (babysitting, car wash, consulting, teaching): _____

If you have any questions or if you would like to make a donation, please contact Robin Bissell at rbissell444@gmail.com.

Collecting Books Now Until Sunday, May 12th

Donations accepted HERE!

Please bring your new or gently used reading books
for ages 4 to 15 years old!



They will be given away to Native American children of the Yankton Sioux Tribe in southeastern South Dakota this summer.

For questions or to arrange a pick up please contact Robin Bissell at 240-444 -4219 or email rbissell444@gmail.com.

APRIL 7, 2019
FIFTH SUNDAY
IN LENT



taking+
faith
home

Mary shows Jesus extravagant love.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	John 12:1-8	Mary anoints Jesus at Bethany
Monday	Isaiah 43:16-21	The Lord will prepare the way
Tuesday	Philippians 3:4b-14	Running toward the goal
Wednesday	Deuteronomy 15:7-11	How to treat the poor
Thursday	2 Corinthians 2:14-17	Aroma of Christ
Friday	Isaiah 43:1-15	God promises restoration
Saturday	Psalms 126	A harvest of joy
Sunday	Luke 19:28-40	Blessed is the king who comes

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

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. John 12:3 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Dear God, through Christ you touch us with lavish love and care. Help us to respond with reverence and joy for all that you do for us. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

God of the harvest, we thank you for filling our bodies with good things and our hearts with joy. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the Lord give you a heart to dream and a mouth filled with laughter and shouts of joy. (Psalm 126:1-2)



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APRIL 7, 2019
HYMN OF THE WEEK
You Are My All in All



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CARING CONVERSATIONS
Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- How do you show others that you care for them?
- Mary anointed Jesus' feet with expensive perfume. Why do you think she did that?
- God's love is extravagant. How do you experience God's abundant love?

DEVOTIONS

Read: John 12:1-8.

A wise adage says, "Take time to smell the roses." Life is to be experienced and enjoyed. Sometimes in the midst of our daily schedules and pressures, we forget to slow down and experience the joy of life in God's presence. Mary didn't. In fact, at great cost and with grand gestures she does the unthinkable. She used expensive perfume on Jesus' feet and wiped them with her hair. She broke the norm in her day of contact between men and women but not the norm of faith and love. The room was filled with a wonderful aroma. In the Gospel of John, Mary is the first person to act out her devotion to Jesus. As Jesus approaches Jerusalem and his impending death, there is a preciousness about life and God's saving work that Mary captures, a preciousness we are all called to capture and experience with deep reverence. It identifies a sensation that fills an entire room with the fragrance of the good news of Jesus Christ. How do you slow down to enjoy the beauty of God's presence and saving work in your life?

Pray: Lord Jesus, you who gave everything to love us and save us from our sins, help us to pause, give thanks, and experience the joy of life in your presence. Amen.

SERVICE

When Jesus says in John 12:8, "You always have the poor with you," some see it as an insensitive slight to the needs of the poor. However, Jesus was possibly referring to Deuteronomy 15:11, which *commands* generosity toward the poor "since there will never cease to be some in need on the earth." Mary's act of washing Jesus' feet with costly perfume was an extravagant act of kindness. In what ways can you show extravagant love for Jesus by caring for the poor with acts of kindness?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

In John 12:1-8, we learn that Mary [sister of Martha and Lazarus] spread on Jesus' feet expensive perfume (imported from the Himalayas). By anointing Jesus, Mary was pointing forward to his sufferings and death soon thereafter. Part of the Christian tradition is to lavish worship space with fragrances to represent the beautiful aroma of Christ in the world (2 Corinthians 2:15). Use perfume or scented oil to "anoint" your hands or those of another and then pray: Lord Jesus, thank you for dying on the cross for us. Make our lives like a sweet perfume, attracting others to you. Amen.



In addition to *Taking Faith Home*, celebrate milestones in your daily life as an effective faith formation tool. Go to: www.milestonesministry.org