

Service for the Lord's Day

Gifts of Women Sunday March 6, 2016

All sinners are welcome here.

Please leave your sin outside, to enter this Holy Place in reverence and gratitude.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION (each person prays silently)

The LORD is a God of knowledge, and by him actions are weighed. Amen.

Gathering

PRELUDE **“Prelude on ‘HOLY MANNA’”** arr. Dale Wood

WELCOME Kathy Porter

*INTROIT #408 **“There’s a Sweet, Sweet Spirit”** Akers, 1962

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Remember the gift and the giver of an extravagant act.

She is remembered still, for the beautiful thing she has done.

Extravagant and expensive oil poured upon Jesus’ head.

Boldly inheriting the act of anointing.

Scolded by some, but defended by Jesus:

“Wherever the good news is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in remembrance of her.”

*HYMN #403 **“Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty”** Winkworth, 1863

CALL TO CONFESSION

We come seeking reconciliation and peace. We come before God’s throne of mercy to experience forgiveness. In witness to your grace, O God, we confess our sins before you and one another by praying first silently, then together using the words in the bulletin.

SILENT PRAYER (A time of silence for personal prayer)

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, we confess that too often we pass judgment upon others, because their behavior seems excessive and extravagant to us. We neglect to realize that there is no one right way, but there are a diversity of ways to serve you. Forgive us for trying to control the abundant ways that others express their love and their service to you. Forgive us for our

short-sightedness and sin. Forgive us again. Give us the strength, dear Sovereign, to glorify and enjoy your abundant love. Amen.

LORD HAVE MERCY Kyrie Eleison
*“Lord, have mercy upon us,
Christ have mercy upon us, Lord have mercy upon us.”*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The Creator forgives us, even when we are not worthy, because we have not forgiven others. Almighty God loves us, even when we are not particularly loving ourselves. Our God gives us grace, even though we do not deserve it.

So let’s love one another. Let’s forgive each other. Let’s offer grace to one another, in the name of Christ – the Messiah himself. Amen.

*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.* #580

Proclaiming

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE I Samuel 2: 2-3, 6-8 Bibles, p.234/LG. p.304
The Word of the Lord *Thanks be to God*

HYMN #451 **“Open My Eyes, That I May See”** Scott, 1895

SECOND SCRIPTURE Mark 14: 3-9 Bibles, p.48/ LG. p.62
The Word of God, for the People of God *Thanks be to God*

SERMON **“Where’s the Line for Extravagance?”** Rev. Candice L. Klein

Responding

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

“We believe that God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ; that the church is called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world; that the church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker; that the church is witness both by word and by deed to the new heaven and the new earth in which righteousness dwells. Therefore, we reject any doctrine which sanctions in the name of the gospel or the will of God the forced separation of people on the grounds of race and color and thereby obstructs and

weakens the ministry and experience of reconciliation in Christ. To the one and only God, be the honor and the glory forever and ever.” Amen

– The Confession of Belhar

CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS OF THE PEOPLE

MINISTRY OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *“DUMFERMLINE” from the Scottish Psalter* arr. Gwilym Bevan

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Those who are able may come down the center aisle to be served. If you prefer, please remain seated and the elements will be brought to you. The outer ring of the communion tray contains white grape juice and the inner rings contain wine.

Sending

*HYMN #273 *“He Is King of Kings” (v. 1-2)* Costen, 1989

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE #273 *“He Is King of Kings” (v.3)*

POSTLUDE *“LOBE DEN HERREN”* arr. Kirkland

(*) Those who are able may stand.
Bold italic letters indicate congregational responses.

This week’s prayers and concerns: Our mothers – good or bad, alive today or sitting with the Lord, cherished or less, never forgotten, all mothers. Tolly Dill and family, Jack Clark and family, Jack Gray, Debbie Murphy, Syble DeLoach, and Cindy Ratliff

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sun. 03/13	Fifth Sunday in Lent	
Sun. 03/13	Worship Team Meeting	12:00pm
	Choir Practice Every Wed. at 5:45pm	

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