

**REACH OUT IN CHRIST
FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

APRIL 3, 2022

10:00 AM

Prelude “Just as I Am” Bradbury

Welcome

Hymn “The Church’s One Foundation” #545:1,2,4

Call to Worship:

L: When all we have hoped for and trusted in has let us down;

P: There is Christ who reaches out to us.

L: When the world seems dark and despairs threatens to close in upon us;

P: There is Christ, reaching out for us.

L: Come and let us worship the Lord who is always ready to reach out to us.

P: We humbly come before the Lord in hope and faith. AMEN.

Opening Prayer

We come into your presence, O Lord, with so many burdens and concerns on our hearts. Help us to be open to your words of healing and restoration. Bring us closer to you. Enable us to discern your will for us that we may serve you more faithfully by serving others in need. In Christ’s name, we pray. AMEN.

Anthem Choir: “In You We Are One” Althouse

Scripture John 12:1-8

Sermon “Messiah” Pastor John

Hymn “Nearer, My God to Thee” #528:1-3

Benediction

Alleluia

Postlude “Jesus, King Most Wonderful” Early American

CIRCLE OF PRAYER—Maytum family, Sandra Buck, Douglas Pike, Larry Thompson, Kittie Brown, Charlie Monroe, Brenda and Mike Smeby, Sergei Barth, Jack Eckardt, Murphy Mullens, Tom Hannon, George Kranz, Lettie Witt, Terry Polen, Rod and Michelle Bailey, Jessica Strande, Cheryl Chmura, Susan Granner, Kay Cooper, Fiona Kishundyal, Marv Hiuser, Rita Harned, Cindy Lucas and family, Marilyn and Ron Lovell, Potter family.

The flowers are presented to the Glory of God and in memory of Lester Yarnell by Bob, Fr. Kevin and Llenray Yarnell.

***BIBLE STUDY**— Lent Study, Wednesday 4/6, 10:30am.

***UMW**— Unit meeting, 4/5, 1pm in Henderson Hall

***WORSHIP COMMITTEE**— We are blessed to have an official active Worship Committee again! If you are interested in helping with this important ministry, please contact Pat McDowell at 727-534-7229.

*** CRAFT GROUP**—meets Mondays 12:30-3pm in upstairs Craft Room.

***CHOIR**—Rehearsal on the 1st Wednesday of the month 6-7:30pm and practice before Sunday worships.

***SANCTUARY IS OPEN**—But we are not back to normal yet due to the continuation of the COVID19 pandemic. **We need to be vigilant especially because of the new virus variants. Masks are encouraged and recommended if you are unvaccinated. Please get your vaccination to minimize the possibility of getting infected or infecting others.** Sitting will be in every other pew for the time being. Thanks for your cooperation!

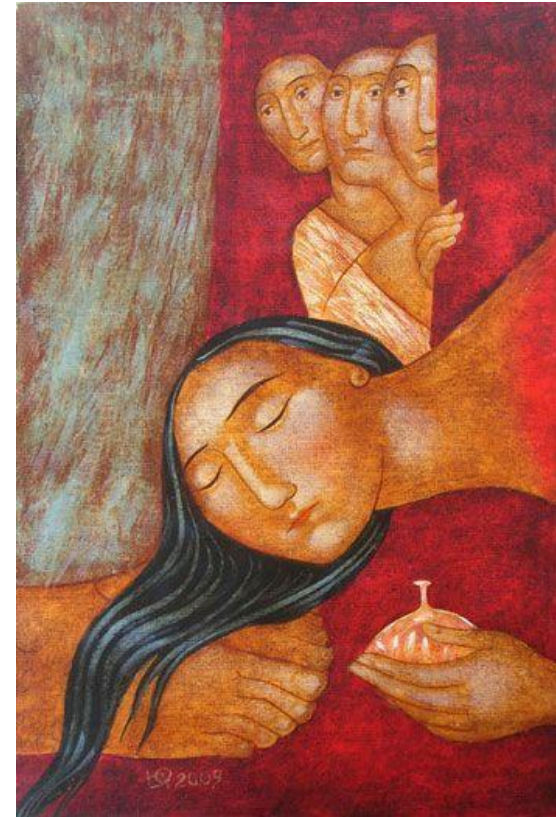
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Scripture: John 12:1-8

Mary anoints Jesus' feet

12 Six days before Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, home of Lazarus, whom Jesus had raised from the dead.² Lazarus and his sisters hosted a dinner for him. Martha served and Lazarus was among those who joined him at the table.³ Then Mary took an extraordinary amount, almost three-quarters of a pound, of very expensive perfume made of pure nard. She anointed Jesus' feet with it, then wiped his feet dry with her hair. The house was filled with the aroma of the perfume.⁴ Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), complained,⁵ "This perfume was worth a year's wages! Why wasn't it sold and the money given to the poor?" (⁶He said this not because he cared about the poor but because he was a thief. He carried the money bag and would take what was in it.)

⁷Then Jesus said, "Leave her alone. This perfume was to be used in preparation for my burial, and this is how she has used it."⁸ You will always have the poor among you, but you won't always have me."



The painting above is by Julia Stankova of Bulgaria

Pastor—John Griswold

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