

Fifth Sunday in Lent

April 3, 2022



Brazen Beauty by Rev. Lisle Gwynn Garrity
Inspired by John 12:1-8

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The Words of Preparation

Our Lenten theme this year is *Full to the Brim*. We will focus on God's grace and how we live in that grace and extend that grace to others. The lectionary scriptures show us a God who offers us grace—grace that is undeserved, unearned, illogical, and boundless.

Please silence your cell phones during this time of worship.

The Chiming

Calista Brunett

The Greeting

Rev. Susan Reed

Minister: The peace and love of Christ be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

The Prayer of Affirmation

Rev. Susan Reed

We believe in our Creator, who gives us courage to stand up without hesitation. We believe in the Holy Spirit, who prays for us to be brave when we are unable to stand up. We believe in Jesus Christ, who stood up for Mary, who quieted the voice of critique, and welcomed a brave offering. Amen

The Prelude

Calista Brunett

Prelude and Fugue in B major (Prelude), Camille Saint-Saens

The Call to Worship

Rev. Robert Gammon

May we find courage here/**Courage to follow our call, courage to live out our faith.**

May we find hope here/**Hope for a better world, hope that refuses to let us go.**

May we find truth here/**Truth that lives in sacred community and ancient stories.**

May we find all that we seek/**And in our seeking, may we know God. Amen.**

*The Hymn of Praise

Congregation

God of Grace and God of Glory, No. 669

The Call to Confession

Rev. Kevin Gardner-Sinclair

Friends, we can light the way. Let us be brave in our truth-telling and honest in our confession. For we will always be met by God's grace. Let us pray...

The Prayer of Confession and Forgiveness

Rev. Kevin Gardner-Sinclair

Jesus of Nazareth, we admit that often we tuck our faith into our pockets, hiding in a place of comfort rather than proudly declaring our faith in Jesus the Christ. We are so afraid of offending others or embarrassing ourselves that we have established rules: no faith at the dinner table, no faith in politics, no faith with strangers. Forgive us for whispering when we could be singing. Forgive us for staying quiet when we could be part of rewriting the narrative. Forgive us and help us to be brave and pour our lives before you. Amen.

***The Hymn (AURELIA)**

Congregation

The Lord went to a dinner, and Mary took perfume. As she anointed Jesus, the fragrance filled the room. She'd sat as a disciple, she'd been a faithful friend, and now, with costly fragrance, she honored Christ again.

Her gift was her expression of thankfulness and praise, and so it makes us wonder, in these long Lenten days: What would we give to Jesus if he sat at our meal? What gift would be our kindness and what would it reveal?

O Lord, today we offer the best that we can bring, our worship as a fragrance, our love, an offering. And now, as we're reminded the poor are with us still, we pray that we may serve them to honor you, we will.

(Children, ages pre-K to 3rd grade, will leave for their time of worship and exit through the door located to the left of the pulpit.)

***The Gospel Lesson**

Rev. Susan Reed

John 12:1-8

The Choral Response

Chancel Choir

The Tree of Life, Scott

The Sermon

Rev. Susan Reed

Full to the Brim: What Does It Cost?

The Ordinance of Communion

Rev. Susan Reed

The Bread of Life

The Cup of Salvation

***The Hymn**

All Things Are Yours, No. 657

Congregation

***The Offertory Prayer**

Conway Stone

The Offertory

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah, Gilbert M. Martin

Calista Brunett

***The Offertory Response**

Congregation

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.

***The Benediction**

Rev. Susan Reed

***The Postlude**

Prelude and Fugue in B major (Fugue), Camille Saint-Saens

Calista Brunett

New Member Pledge: In response to your decision, we pledge ourselves to be the family of God for you in this place. We offer you our love, our care, our kinship, and our hopes. We hope to learn from you, give to you, and receive from you by God's grace.

The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given to the glory of God
by Jim and Cheryl Rago, in memory of Jake and Ann Maddox.

Prayer Concerns

Sympathy to the family of Bill Lowdenback, who died on March 30.

Angela Dixon, recent surgery

Robin Riddle, recent surgery

Jim Ratcliffe, health concerns (no visitors)

Carol Lundberg, recent fall

Bob Wagoner, health concerns

Brenda Hale, mother of David Hale, health concerns

Jeff Sanders, recent surgery

Stephanie Lanier, cousin of Carolyn Sue Kays, health concerns

Tim Kelley, friend of Martha Watson, health concerns

Cathern Reeves, mother of Mary Lucy Hook, health concerns

Judy Gilpin, hospice care

Miles Reynolds, health concerns

Dick and Lucille Brown, health concerns

Bill and Susan Ohlendorf, brother and sister-in-law of Elaine Baker, health concerns

Joe and Debby Lin, brother and sister-in-law of Steve Lin, health concerns