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Wayne



The Anointing of Christ by Julia Stankova

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PRELUDE

WELCOME

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Eternal God, as we wander in the wilderness, you are with us.

All: Open our hearts to your comforting presence.

Leader: Living God, as we sit with Mary at the feet of Jesus, you welcome our gifts.

All: Open our hearts to your transforming love.

Leader: Compassionate God, as we come to your table, you share yourself with us.

All: Open our hearts to your extravagant grace. Pour your blessing on us. Amen.

HYMN

Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee

UMH #175

OPENING PRAYER

Loving God, as Mary anointed Jesus with perfume, anoint us with your Word, that we may hear your good news. Anoint us with your Spirit, that we may bear your healing word into the world with courage, love, and joy. Amen.

THE BASKET

SCRIPTURE *John 12:1-8 Common English Bible*

Six days before Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, home of Lazarus, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. Lazarus and his sisters hosted a dinner for him. Martha served and Lazarus was among those who joined him at the table. 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. Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), complained, "This perfume was worth a year's wages! Why wasn't it sold and the money given to the poor?" (He 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.) Then Jesus said, "Leave her alone. This perfume was to be used in preparation for my burial, and this is how she has used it. You will always have the poor among you, but you won't always have me."

MESSAGE *The Gift of Kindness*

ANTHEM *I Believe* Mark A. Miller sung by Rachel Fikslin

PRAYERS OF JOY AND CONCERN

HYMN OF PREPARATION *More Love To Thee, O Christ* *UMH #453*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Patient Lord, we find it easy to blame others and other circumstances for the things which happen in our lives. Things happen which we didn't plan for and events swirl around us over which we have no control. Forgive us when we are so busy placing blame that we don't recognize your presence and love for us. Free us from placing our own desires first and foremost. Help us to look at the many ways in which you are working in the world for peace and justice, and enable us to be part of that ministry. In Jesus' name, we pray. AMEN.

Silent reflection

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Let go of your fears. God has forgiven you and offered to you God's healing loving kindness. Accept this free gift, for it is given for you through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

WORSHIPING GOD THROUGH OUR GIVING

OFFERTORY *Open the Eyes of My Heart*

*Open the eyes of my heart, Lord
Open the eyes of my heart,
I want to see you; I want to see you. X2
To see You high and lifted up,
Shining in the light of Your glory
Pour out Your pow'r and love
As we sing holy, holy, holy*

***Doxology
Holy, Holy, Holy
Holy, Holy, Holy
Holy, Holy, Holy
I want to see You.***

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Loving God, source of all joy, we come before you with hearts full of gratitude. As Mary poured out her love for Jesus with costly perfume, so we pour out our gifts before you, seeking to honor you with all that we have. During this reflective Lenten period, may our offerings remind us of the abundance you've poured into our lives. Help us to give extravagantly, not out of duty, but from hearts filled with joy and gratitude. Bless these gifts and use them to bring your hope to the world. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

***Open the eyes of my heart, Lord
Open the eyes of my heart
I want to see you; I want to see you.***

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

We are here because Jesus has called us – strangers and friends, locals and visitors, believers and doubters, the certain and the curious. It is always a mixed company that Jesus gathers and invites to his table where, in bread and wine, he meets us and through him we, who are different, are joined to each other. So come, not because you understand, but because you are understood. Come, not because of how you feel, but because God has food for you. Come, not because you deserve a place, but because Jesus invites you, just as you are.

COMMUNION SETTING *please see Communion Setting in Pews*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pastor Ninabeth: The Lord be with you

All: And also, with you

Pastor Ninabeth: Lift up your hearts

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

Pastor Ninabeth: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The 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. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

RECEIVING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

COMMUNION SONG

Give Me Jesus

sung by Rachel Fikslin

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*** CLOSING HYMN**

Fairest Lord Jesus

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

I Believe (full version)

Mark A. Miller sung by Rachel Fikslin

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**The United Methodist Women in Faith's Spring
Celebration will be held *here TODAY*, April 6th from
3pm – 5pm.**

All are welcome to attend this event to learn more about the
UMWF.

ANNOUNCEMENTS April 2025

CALENDAR OF EVENTS April 7th – 13th

Monday April 7th

AA mtg @ 7:30pm in Fellowship Hall (Room 8)

Tuesday April 8th

Karate @ 5pm in the underground

Wednesday April 9th

Bible Study @ 12pm in Fellowship Hall BYO Lunch

Karate @ 5pm in the underground

Thursday April 10th

Karate @ 5pm in the underground

Christian Meditation @ 6:30pm in French Chapel

Draw Close @7:15pm on ZOOM

Friday April 11th

Friday Morning Prayer @ 7pm on Facebook

Sunday April 13th

Palm Sunday Worship with Parish Drive @ 10am

Egg Dyeing during Sunday School

Jubilation Ringers Rehearsal @ 11:15am

Lenten Soup Sale



Our annual soup sale during Lent **will continue until April 13. Sign-up sheets for soup makers are on the bulletin board in the narthex. Containers are provided.**

As in the past, there will be delicious varieties of soups to purchase each week at a bargain price of \$5 per pint. All are welcome to support the sale by preparing or purchasing these savory soups! Questions? See Anita Dispenziere or Lyn Sentkowski



During the 45 days of Lent which starts March 5th, UMC in Wayne will be collecting food for WIN.

We did this several years ago and we delivered about 150 bags of food to WIN.

The challenge is to beat our old record!

Get your friends and family involved to help our friends in Wayne.

We will have a list of acceptable food items.

Hate to shop? All monetary donations are accepted! See Anita or Liz with questions.



Easter Flowers 2025

On Easter Sunday, we decorate our church for Easter with beautiful flowers. You can participate by making a special donation of \$12 for Easter Flowers. Please find an order form and envelope in the back of the Sanctuary. **Complete the info and return with your payment to the plate or church office by 4/7/25.**



ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATING SENIORS!!

The UMCW Scholarship applications can be picked up in the church office **beginning in April** and must be returned by **May 15th**.

Office Hours: 10am-3pm Tuesday-Thursday.

****Applicants must be an active member of the UMC in Wayne**

**** Any questions contact Nancy Kinch at (973) 694-2603 or nkinch@aol.com**

New Community Garden

We would like to start a **community garden** on our church property! We are looking for folks interested in planning, building, planting and any other ideas you have to offer. We will call it “**The Garden of Eatin’**” If you are ready, willing and able to help, please email Pastor Ninabeth at pastorninabeth@gmail.com

The words and music in our liturgy, hymns, and songs are by:

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