

Covenant Community Church



Fifth Sunday in Lent

April 3, 2022

We Gather

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

Leader: May we find courage here—

People: courage to follow our call, courage to live out our faith.

Leader: May we find hope here—

People: hope for a better world, hope that refuses to let us go.

Leader: May we find truth here—

People: truth that lives in sacred community, truth that lives in ancient stories.

Leader: May we find all that we seek.

People: And in our seeking, may we know God. Amen

*Confession

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Prayer of Confession

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Words of Forgiveness

Family of faith, hear this good news:
Even in our silence, **God loves us.**
Even in our fear or shame, **God chooses us.**
Even when we sin, **God wraps us in grace.**
You are free—to be bold, to be brazen, to be exactly who God called you to be.
Thanks be to God, amen.

*Opening Hymn

#10 Immortal, Invisible God Only Wise

*Opening Prayer

We Hear the Word

Scripture:

John 12:1-8

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

We Respond

Interlude

*Hymn

#226 What Wondrous Love is This

Prayers of the People

Pastoral Prayer

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

*Offering Response

*Seek ye first the kingdom of God
and His righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you.
Allelu, Alleluia.*

*Prayer of Dedication

*Communion Hymn

#570 One Bread, One Body

Communion

Leader... Together we pray

**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 sins,
as we forgive those who sin 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**

Leader . . . We join our voices with saints and angels and all the faithful of every time and place, singing,

People: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Leader . . . Remembering your gracious acts, we offer our lives to you in service and praise as we keep the feast the Christ prepares:

Bread of heaven, Cup of salvation. Resurrection and life.

People: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Leader . . . all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever.

People: Amen

We Are Sent into the World

*Closing Hymn

#382 Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

*The Lord bless you and keep you,
The Lord make his face to shine upon you
and be gracious, gracious, gracious to you,
the Lord lift up his countenance upon you,
And give you, give you, give you peace.*

Leader: Go in Peace. Love and serve the Lord!

People: Praise be to God!

*Denotes all who are able, please stand

John 12:1-8 New Living Translation

Six days before the Passover celebration began, Jesus arrived in Bethany, the home of Lazarus—the man he had raised from the dead. **2** A dinner was prepared in Jesus' honor. Martha served, and Lazarus was among those who ate with him. **3** Then Mary took a twelve-ounce jar of expensive perfume made from essence of nard, and she anointed Jesus' feet with it, wiping his feet with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance.

4 But Judas Iscariot, the disciple who would soon betray him, said, **5** "That perfume was worth a year's wages. It should have been sold and the money given to the poor." **6** Not that he cared for the poor—he was a thief, and since he was in charge of the disciples' money, he often stole some for himself.

7 Jesus replied, "Leave her alone. She did this in preparation for my burial. **8** You will always have the poor among you, but you will not always have me."

Helping Us Worship

Minister to the Congregation:

Music Leader:

Scripture Reader:

Rev. Jeannette Conner

Peter Olson

Marcia Morrell