

Virtual Worship April 3, 2022 Fifth Sunday of Lent

Opening Music "[Simple Gifts](#)" TUMC Bell Choir

Opening Prayer

Holy One, we wait for your presence to stir among us this day. As we walk toward faith, may we open our eyes to your gift of life. May we open our hearts to your Sacrament of love. Let us see and feel the gracious Spirit of Christ in all that we say and do. In one voice of prayer, we come with joy to praise and worship you. Come, let us worship this day.

Hymn "[Ancient Words](#)" TUMC Praise Team

Unison Prayer (Walter Bruggemann)

We are people who must sing you, for the sake of our very lives. You are a God who must be sung by us, for the sake of your majesty and honor. And so, we thank you, for lyrics that push us past our reasons, for melodies that break open our givens, for cadences that locate us home, beyond all our safe places, for tones and tunes that open our lives in you. We will not keep silent ... ever again. Amen

***Praying for others:** Generous and Mothering God of creation and creature, let peace and justice bathe the land. Beat the swords of war into the plowshares of peace as we pray for the world you so dearly love. And now, let us share our concerns and joys together today...*

Connie Roach: eye surgery recovery; Gene Rolan: health; Robin Curtin's brother Jerry: health is dire. Kenny Curtain: eye surgery recovery. Colleen Rivers: hospitalized with recovery from surgery. Some friends: Debbie and husband Eric who has had surgery. Lloyd Gooding: recovering in Assisted Living. Patt Bowlsby's sister: Gerry has started Chemo for Breast Cancer, and her husband Bill who has health struggles.

Lift the joys and concerns in your own heart...
SILENT PRAYER TIME

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.

Hymn "[Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee](#)" Rob Fishel, Vera Alcorn

[Children's Time](#) Rev. Amy Overton-Harris

Scripture Reading: John 12: 1-8

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. ² There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. ³ Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. ⁴ But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, ⁵ "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" ⁶ (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) ⁷ Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. ⁸ You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

[Reflection:](#) Rev. Amy Overton-Harris

Song "[Here I Am Lord](#)" Rob Fishel, Aaron Altemose

Benediction: Serve your God with patience and passion. Be deliberate in enacting your faith. Be steadfast in celebrating the Spirit's power. And may peace be your way in the world. Amen

Sending Song "[On Eagles' Wings](#)" TUMC Praise Team

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