

Many: Jesus also took this dark journey—alone.

One: We cannot change what happens on the cross.

Many: Yet death does not get the final word.

One: Let us bear witness to God's new life moving within and among us.

Many: God is doing a new thing. Let us rejoice and give thanks!

All: Let us lift our voices together as witness to the eternal love of God!

OPENING PRAYER — Lin

HYMN

TFWS #2233 "Where Children Belong"

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE — Sharon Goldade

SCRIPTURE: John 12:1-8 — Megan Vinson

¹Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. ²There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those reclining with him. ³Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus's feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. ⁴But 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.) ⁷Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. ⁸You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

MESSAGE

"Lazarus! Good to See you again!"

Rev. Lin Cheek

RESPONSIVE HYMN UMH #276 "The First One Ever"

1. The first one ever, oh, ever to know of the birth of Jesus was the Maid Mary,
Was Mary the Maid of Galilee, and blessed is she, is she who believes.
Oh blessed is she who believes in the Lord, oh, blessed is she who believes.
She was Mary the Maid of Galilee, and blessed is she, is she who believes.

2. The first one ever, oh, ever to know of Messiah, Jesus, when he said, "I am he," was the
Samaritan woman who drew from the well, and blessed is she, is she who perceives.
Oh blessed is she who perceives the Lord, oh blessed is she who perceives.
'Twas the Samaritan woman who drew from the well, and blessed is she, is she who perceives.

3. The first ones ever, oh, ever to know of the rising of Jesus, his glory to be,
Were Mary, Joanna, and Magdalene, and blessed are they, are they who see.
Oh, blessed are they who see the Lord, oh, blessed are they who see.
They were Mary, Joanna, and Magdalene, and blessed are they, are they who see.

OFFERTORY — Anneke Toomey

DOXOLOGY

UMH #94

PRAYER OF DEDICATION — Lin

ALL: God of miracles and wonders, God of forgiveness and healing, bless these gifts, that they may be used to further your kingdom on earth. Bless the receivers and the givers, that all may glorify you in word and deed. We pray in the name of your son Jesus Christ. Amen!

COMMUNION THANKSGIVING — Lin

One: The Lord be with you

Many: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

Many: We lift them up to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

One: It is right to praise you, our God ... that we may be made new, in love.

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

Hosanna in the highest.

One: You sent Jesus to teach us the ways of love ... We remember Jesus' act of love and, as we remember, we offer our lives to the one whose name is Love.

All: You are the love that was, that is, and that is to come.

One: Gracious God, we ask your blessing ... and pray as he taught us to pray, saying:.

All: 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.

INVITATION — Lin

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

In the United Methodist Church, all are welcome to share in Communion, and all means all.

Please come forward when invited by the usher and eat the bread, then drink the cup. For the convenience of all, we use non-alcoholic grape juice and also provide gluten free wafers. When you return to your seat, please take time to pray for those on the prayer list in the bulletin. If you would prefer to receive communion in the pew, please let the usher know and the elements will be brought to you.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION — Lin

All: Eternal God, we thank you for the gift of life you have given us through this meal. May we be ever ready to share the Good News of your son to all the world. We pray in his name. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN UMH #672 “God Be with You till We Meet Again” (vs 1 and Refrain)

1. God be with you till we meet again. By his counsels guide, uphold you,
With his sheep securely fold you; God be with you till we meet again.

REFRAIN: Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Jesus’ feet.
Till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet again.

BENEDICTION — Lin

POSTLUDE — Anneke Toomey

Prelude/Postlude—Anneke Toomey

Offertory—Anneke Toomey

Organ — Betsy Foushee

Liturgist — Megan Vinson

Accomp.—Anneke Toomey

Song Leader— Shelly Anderson

Violin — Rae Ann

Children’s Message— Sharon Goldade