



Mary Anointing Christ's Feet  
Illuminated Manuscript c. 1500, French

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

Fifth Sunday in Lent

FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

April 7, 2019

10:45 a.m.

*Welcome to Faith Church; we are glad you are here.  
Childcare for infants and preschoolers is provided all morning in the nursery,  
the second room on the right through the door by the pulpit.  
Children attending Church School will be escorted  
by teachers to class following "Time with Faith Kids."*

## THE CHURCH GATHERS

*The candle is lighted as a prayer for peace.*

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Rev. Mary Barrett Speers**

**Minute for Mission**

**Mary Hodgson**

**Prelude** Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross

arr. D.L. White  
(b. 1930)

*\*Please rise in body or in spirit; unison parts are in bold.*

**\*Call to Worship**

**Paula Burger**

One: I am about to do a new thing, says the Lord;

**All: Now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?**

One: I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.

**All: The wild animals will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches;**

One: For I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my flock.  
~ adapted from Isaiah 43:18-21

**\*Hymn 177** I Will Come to You

YOU ARE MINE

**Prayer of Confession**

**God of mercy and grace, you make a way in the wilderness; you cause rivers to flow in the desert. You love your flock just as we are, ungrateful and undeserving, and lead us gently to your Promised Land. We come before you now, acknowledging the faults you know better than we do ourselves. We've spent too much on things of the world, but in matters of the spirit, we've pinched pennies. We are sorry and we humbly repent. Open our hands and our hearts. Anoint us with your healing power, and lead us in the Way of Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom we are pledged and in whose strong name we pray. Amen**

**Kyrie 577**

KYRIE ELEISON

**Lord, have mercy, Lord, have mercy,  
Lord, have mercy, Lord, have mercy.**

**Assurance of Pardon**

One: ...Friends, believe in the good news of the Gospel:

**All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

**\*The Peace of Christ**

One: The peace of Jesus Christ be with you all.

**All: And also with you.**

## TO PROCLAIM AND EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD

### Time with Faith Kids

#### Sung Prayer for Illumination

Hymn 451 Open My Eyes, That I May See *verse 2*

OPEN MY EYES

**Open my ears, that I may hear voices of truth thou sendest clear.  
And while the wave notes fall on my ear, everything false will disappear.  
Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.  
Open my ears; illumine me, Spirit divine!**

Lesson John 11:55-12:11

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One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

#### Sermon

"The Most Expensive Perfume in the World"

**Rev. Speers**

\*Hymn 518 Your Only Son

LAMB OF GOD

#### Prayers of the People

*This Lent, the Worship & Arts committee invites you to write your prayers on the strips of paper provided and come forward to weave them onto the cross. This is a period of communal meditation and music, ending with...*

#### The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in Heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever.**

### OFFERING

Offertory The Mighty Power of God

Mark Hayes  
(b. 1953)

I sing the mighty pow'r of God that made the mountains rise. That spread the flowing seas abroad and built the lofty skies. I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day. The moon shines full at God's command and all the stars obey. Their luminous display reflects the pow'r of God. I sing the goodness of the Lord, that filled the earth with food. God formed the creatures with a word and then pronounced them good. Lord how your wonders are displayed where'er I turn my eye; if I survey the ground I tread, or gaze up on the sky. From sea to mountains high the earth cannot contain the goodness of God. The heavens are telling the glory of God! The heavens are telling the story, the whole earth is filled with the glory of God! There's not a plant or flow'r below but makes your glories known. And clouds arise and tempests blow by order from your throne. While all that borrows life from you is ever in your care, and ev'rywhere that we can be, O God, you're present there; we joyously declare the power of your love, your powerful love.

**\*Sung Response**

**Hymn 708** We Give Thee but Thine Own *verse 1*

SCHUMANN

**We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be;  
All that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.**

**\*Dedication of Self & Substance**

Gracious God, you gave all for us. We return these offerings, and our lives, to you. Reveal to us your loving will. Give us faith and courage to embrace the vision you spread before us, that we may go with hearts rejoicing even on the Way of the Cross, for it is your Way, in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**The Invitation: Words of Institution**

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*...the prayer continues, until the words*

*...Therefore we praise you, singing with all the inhabitants of heaven, and with the faithful of every time and place, to the glory of your mighty name:*

**Holy, Holy, Holy, 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!**

*the prayer continues...*

*...So together we proclaim the mystery of faith:*

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

*...the prayer continues, with prayers of the people: you are invited to speak names aloud when there are silences, or to pray silently if you prefer. The prayers conclude with...*

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**Breaking of the Bread and Pouring the Wine**

**Communion** *(by intinction)* So that all may be welcome at the table, please know that gluten-free, cubed bread is available on each tray, and "wine" is unfermented grape juice. Please come to the front of the sanctuary via the center aisle, take the bread and dip it into the chalice, partake, and return to your seat by way of a side aisle.

**During the Distribution**  
**Hymn 603**

AGNUS DEI

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:  
Have mercy, have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:  
Grant us, O grant us peace.**

**Sung Response 535**

BLESS THE LORD

**Bless the Lord, O my soul;  
And all that is within me, bless God's holy name.  
Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
And forget not all God's benefits.**

**Prayer**

**God of compassion, through your son Jesus Christ you reconciled your people to yourself. Following his example of prayer and fasting, may we obey you with willing hearts and serve one another in holy love, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**TO GO FORTH INTO THE WORLD TO SERVE IN CHRIST'S NAME**

\* **Hymn 543** God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me

GREEN TYLER

\***Charge to the Congregation and Benediction**

**Postlude** King of Kings

setting Ralph Simpson  
(b. 1933)

**Leading Worship Today**

**Rev. Mary Barrett Speers, *Interim Pastor*  
Dr. Samuel Springer, *Minister of Music & Organist*  
Paula Burger, *Liturgist*  
The Chancel Choir**

## FAITH FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Christian Education Committee** will meet following worship in the Jackson Lounge today.

**Palm Sunday** April 14, 10:00 a.m. Breakfast in Fellowship Hall. If you can help serve or donate a food item, please contact Judy Sperling. 10:45 a.m. Procession of Palms followed by worship

## **EASTER**

The music will begin at 10:30, and following worship there is an Egg Hunt on the front lawn.

### **Sunday Adult Forum** 9:15 a.m. Woodmont Room

No Adult Forum is scheduled for Palm Sunday or Easter.

April 28 – Trees! An Earth Day forum led by Zoë Clarkwest, Executive Director of “Flowering Tree Trails.” She has spent her career in landscape design focusing on working with communities to achieve aesthetic, functional, and meaningful restoration projects.

### **Easter Egg Hunt**

Karen Burd is organizing this year's annual Easter egg hunt. We are in need of plastic Easter eggs filled with candy. Please leave your donations of filled plastic eggs in the library.

### **Bible Study**

Join Faith every Wednesday at 11:00 in the Woodbourne Room. No preparation is required.

### **Lenten Movie Series** 5:30 Sunday evenings in Lent

Bring a dish to share and be home by 9:00.

**Today Step!** The senior year of a girls' high school (Baltimore Leadership School for Young Women) step team in inner-city Baltimore is documented, as they try to become the first in their families to attend college.

### **Yoga at Faith**

Gentle Yoga class is led by certified instructor, **Leanora Eubanks**. All are welcome, experienced or new to yoga. Come and try it out on Wednesdays from 2:00-3:15 in April. Where: the Chapel; Cost: \$40/4 sessions or \$12.50/drop in. For more information call the church office 410-435-4330.

### **Habitat Workdays**

Habitat Workdays are **April 19, 26** and **May 4, 11, 24**, with more dates in June. There is a maximum of 5 people per day. Contact **Natalie Wallace** if you can work any of the dates. Nrew62@msn.com or 410-207-7190. *Seeking to put God's love into action, Habitat for Humanity brings people together to build homes, communities, and hope.*

### **Youth Sunday** May 12

As we prepare for Youth Sunday, our youth group (SWAG- Saved With Amazing Grace) is exploring the story of Tabatha. This will ultimately culminate in making fleece blankets and care packages for members of our church who may not be able to join us for service or other social events. Please prayerfully consider either donating fleece fabric or money to purchase materials. If you have any questions or would also like to become more involved, please reach out to Hannah Pope.

### **Book Club** Monday April 29 7:00

Please note that this is the 5th Monday of the month instead of our usual 4th which is Easter Monday. We will be reading *The Winter Soldier* by Daniel Mason. "A sweeping unforgettable love story of a young doctor and nurse at a remote field

hospital in the First World War." This book comes highly recommended by several Faith Church folk. We will meet at the Nesbitts' at 7 PM. Everyone is welcome.

### **To the Parents of Faith Kids**

News Flash! The Church School will be having an attendance competition during Lent! We have been combining the kiddos into two classes over the past few weeks, which seems to work well. I will be recording the number of church school attendees each week and keeping a graph for the kids to see. The class with the largest percentage of growth will be able to select a prize of their choosing! Kids are encouraged to bring friends, relatives and neighbors.

We would also like to put the Lock-In on your calendars. This is a fun event on **May 11** where the older kids sleep over at the church beginning at 5:00 p.m. The next morning the youth will take part in leading the service for Mother's Day. There will be more details coming out but once again we want to get this on your calendar. We are looking forward to seeing you all! Please speak to Hannah Pope if you have questions.

### **Oranges, Apples, Bananas, Lemons!**

Fresh fruit is more than scarce at the CARES pantry during the winter, so the Deacons have decided to use money donated last month as part of the Souper Bowl of Caring to purchase fresh fruit every week to be delivered to the pantry. If you would like to help extend this effort, you can donate to the pantry by using a pew envelope marked for the CARES pantry. Thank you for your continued generosity.

**Joys and Concerns** may be written before the service in a special book in the narthex. The book will be brought to the minister before the prayer.

### **Please pray for our homebound members:**

Betty Bunce

Nan Pohl

Nancy Stutzer

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**Session**

Mike Billings, Clerk

2019  
Kay Ballard  
Andy Fuller  
Neil Nemser

2020  
Mike Billings  
Scott Bissett  
Bobby Hall  
Carl Herber

2021  
Ellsworth Jackson  
Karen Meyers  
Mike Shirey  
Audrey Trapp

**Deacons**

Susan Minor, Moderator

2019  
Karen Burd  
Lauren Hill  
Mary Hodgson  
Robin Nemser

2020  
Chandra Jackson  
Susan Minor  
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