

Welcome!

We are so happy to be here together! Here are a few guidelines for how we can worship safely together:

Please stay seated until the ushers come to guide you out of the Sanctuary. If you would like to make your offering while you are here today, there is an offering plate by the door. You may also continue to give using our website or by mailing a check.

In order to help keep everyone safe, please take your bulletins and any trash with you when you leave.

This service will be livestreamed on YouTube and a recording will be posted on social media for watching at a later time.



Giving Up Propriety

March 21, 2021

Musical Gift
“Mighty Maker of All”

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Welcome and Announcements

Opening Prayer

Hymn #189 “Fairest Lord Jesus”

Fairest Lord Jesus, ruler of all nature, O thou of God and man the Son,
Thee will I cherish, thee will I honor, thou, my soul’s glory, joy and crown.

Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands,
Robed in the blooming garb of spring: Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,
who makes the woeful heart to sing.

Beautiful Savior! Lord of all the nations! Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and forevermore be thine.

Prayers of the People

**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**

Discussion Questions

- The One Who Gives, Mark 11:1-11

In preparation for this Sunday, take a moment and think about all that God has given to you. Have you been able to give anything up this Lent? We can never repay God for what He has done for us, but in trying to make more room in your life for Him this Lent, were you successful?

As you ponder these things in preparation for Sunday, I would love to hear what God is saying to you. Call me at 256-353-6941 or email me at miriam@centralunitedmethodist.com.



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**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 for ever. Amen.**

Special Music “The Cup”

McGuire/Larson

Bible Reading — John 12:1-11

— [Prayer]

**Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit,
that, as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed,
we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.**

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.”

Many Jews learned that he was there. They came not only because of Jesus but also to see Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. The chief priests decided that they would kill Lazarus too. It was because of Lazarus that many of the Jews had deserted them and come to believe in Jesus.

The word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Message — “Giving Up Propriety”

Rev. Miriam Smith

“Behold the Lamb”

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Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away, slain for us—and we remember
The promise made that all who come in faith, find forgiveness at the cross.
So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of peace, around the table of the King.

The body of our Savior Jesus Christ, torn for you—eat and remember
The wounds that heal, the death that brings us life,
Paid the price to make us one.
So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of love, around the table of the King.

The blood that cleanses ev’ry stain of sin, shed for you—
Drink and remember.
He drained death’s cup that all may enter in to receive the life of God.
So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of grace, around the table of the King.

And so with thankfulness and faith we rise to respond—and to remember
Our call to follow in the steps of Christ as His body here on earth.
As we share in his suffering, we proclaim Christ will come again!
And we’ll join, in the feast of heav’n, around the table of the King.

Benediction

Musical Gift “Lord of All Life”

Broughton

Organist: Virginia Paul

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