

NORTHWOOD UMC WORSHIP – March 22, 2020

Scripture of the Week – Matthew 26:12-13

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WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD!

Welcome

CHECKING IN

Where do you... see God? Need God? Feel Joy? Feel Gratitude?

KINGDOM TIME

GREETING & PRAISE HYMN

Responsive Greeting –

L: Lent calls us to journey, this and every day,
following Jesus wherever he leads us.

P: **Lent calls us to journey:
to the place where God covenants with us,
to receive the new names we are given.**

L: Lent calls us to worship together,
to tell future generations the good news.

P: **Lent calls us to practice justice,
to bring God's hope to all people.**

L: Lent calls us to faithful living,
to trust the One who gives us life.

P: **Lent calls each of us to take up our cross,
to trust the One who bears it with us.**

L: Lent calls us to journey with God.

P: **Let us worship God, who walks with us,
this and every day.**

Hymn of Praise – “We Are Called to Be God’s People” CH #415 vs. 1,2

We are called to be God's people, showing by our lives His grace
One in heart and one in spirit, sign of hope for all the race
Let us show how He has changed us, and remade us as His own
Let us share our life together, as we shall around His throne

We are called to be God's servants, working in His world today
Taking His own task upon us, all His sacred words obey
Let us rise then to His summons, dedicate to Him our all
That we may be faithful servants, quick to answer now His call

OPENING PRAYERS & PRAISE

Gathering Unison Prayer

Loving God, how lavishly you pour out
the costly gift of your grace upon us.
Fill our homes and our lives
with the fragrance of your love,
so that we may show your glory

and serve your people;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

Hymn – “Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us” UMH #381 vs. 1,4

Savior, like a shepherd lead us, Much we need Thy tender care;
In Thy pleasant pastures feed us, For our use Thy folds prepare:
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Thou hast bought us, Thine we are;
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Thou hast bought us, Thine we are.

Early let us seek Thy favor; Early let us do Thy will;
Blessed Lord and only Savior, With Thy love our beings fill:
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Thou hast loved us, love us still;
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Thou hast loved us, love us still

Responsive Call to Worship –

L: Lamb of God, hear us when we pray.

**P: Wipe our tears, anoint us with fragrant oil and
calm our hearts.**

L: Lamb of God, hear us when we pray.

P: Anoint us with Your love beyond measure.

L: Lamb of God, hear us when we pray.

P: Pour out your love as we journey to the cross.

HEAR GOD’S WORD

Scripture Lesson – Matthew 26:6-13 – The Anointing at Bethany

⁶ Now while Jesus was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, ⁷ a woman came to him with an alabaster jar of very costly ointment, and she poured it on his head as he sat at the table. ⁸ But when the disciples saw it, they were angry and said, “Why this waste? ⁹ For this ointment could have been sold for a large sum, and the money given to the poor.” ¹⁰ But Jesus, aware of this, said to them, “Why do you trouble the woman? She has performed a good service for me. ¹¹ For you always have the poor with you, but you will not always have me. ¹² By pouring this ointment on my body she has prepared me for burial. ¹³ Truly I tell you, wherever this good news ¹⁴ is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in remembrance of her.”

Prayer of Illumination

MESSAGE – “The First Dinner: Risking Rejection”

RESPOND IN FAITH

Hymn – “My Jesus, I Love Thee” UMH #172 vs. 1,2

My Jesus, I love Thee, I know Thou art mine;
For Thee, all the follies of sin I resign;
My gracious Redeemer, My Savior art Thou;
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

I love Thee because Thou hast first loved me,
And purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree;
I love Thee for wearing the thorns on Thy brow;
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus 'tis now.

Prayers of the People/Invitation for Personal Reflection & Prayer/Pastoral Prayer/ /Lord's Prayer

Invitation to Give to the Living Christ ~ Ourselves, Our Love, and Our Gifts

Presentation of our Gifts and Offerings – Mail your offering to:

Northwood UMC, Post Office Box 295 Esko, MN 55733

“Doxology”

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
Amen.

Prayer of Dedication

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;*the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic** church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

** *universal*

Celebrating Congregation Life – Announcements

GO FORTH TO SERVE

Sending Forth Hymn – “Go Now in Peace”

Go now in peace. Never be afraid.
God will go with you each hour of ev'ry day.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.
Know He will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love, and show you believe.
Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there, watching from above.
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.

***Benediction**

***Dismissal**