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Sunday, March 18, 2018

PRELUDE *Think About His Love - Mark Hayes*

THE GATHERING

Welcome/Announcements/Meet and Greet

Gathering Song *This Little Light of Mine*

**This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**

**Ev'rywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine,
Ev'rywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine,
Ev'rywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine,
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**

**Jesus gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine,
Jesus gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine,
Jesus gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine,
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**

Offering *All God's Critters Got a Place in the Choir*

REFRAIN:

**All God's critters got a place in the choir
Some sing low, some sing higher
Some sing out loud on the telephone wires
And some just clap their hands, or paws,
or anything they got now.**

**Listen to the bass, it's the one on the bottom
Where the bullfrog croaks and the hippopotamus
Moans and groans with a big t'do
And the old cow just goes moo (Refrain)**

**The dogs and the cats they take up the middle
While the honeybee hums and the cricket fiddles
The donkey brays and the pony neighs
And the old coyote howls (Refrain)**

**Listen to the top where the little birds sing
On the melodies with the high notes ringing
The hoot owl hollers over everything
And the jaybird disagrees (Refrain)**

Prayer and Song of Thanksgiving *Sanctuary*

**Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary,
Pure and holy, tried and true;
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living
Sanctuary for You.
(repeat)**

**With thanksgiving, I'll be a living
Sanctuary for You.**

Dismissal of Children Open Our Eyes Lord

**Open our eyes Lord; we want to see Jesus,
To reach out and touch him, and say that we love him.
Open our ears, Lord; and help us to listen.
Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus.
(repeat)**

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Prayer of the Day

**Leader: The Lord be with you.
Congregation: And also with you.**

L: Let us pray. . . .

C: Amen.

RESPONSE *Thy Word*

Refrain:

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

I will not forget your love for me, and yet

My heart forever is wandering.

Jesus, be my guide and hold me to your side,

And I will love you to the end.

(refrain)

GOSPEL: Matthew 26: 1-35

L: The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew, chapter 26.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹When Jesus had finished saying all these things, he said to his disciples, ²You know that after two days the Passover is coming, and the Son of Man will be handed over to be crucified.

³Then the chief priests and the elders of the people gathered in the palace of the high priest, who was called Caiaphas, ⁴and they conspired to arrest Jesus by stealth and kill him. ⁵But they said, "Not during the festival, or there may be a riot among the people."

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

¹⁴Then one of the twelve, who was called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests ¹⁵and said, "What will you give me if I betray him to you?" They paid him thirty pieces of silver. ¹⁶And from that

moment he began to look for an opportunity to betray him.

¹⁷On the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Where do you want us to make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?" ¹⁸He said, "Go into the city to a certain man, and say to him, 'The Teacher says, My time is near; I will keep the Passover at your house with my disciples.'" ¹⁹So the disciples did as Jesus had directed them, and they prepared the Passover meal.

²⁰When it was evening, he took his place with the twelve; ²¹and while they were eating, he said, "Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me." ²²And they became greatly distressed and began to say to him one after another, "Surely not I, Lord?" ²³He answered, "The one who has dipped his hand into the bowl with me will betray me.

²⁴The Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that one by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that one not to have been born." ²⁵Judas, who betrayed him, said, "Surely not I, Rabbi?" He replied, "You have said so."

²⁶While they were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body." ²⁷Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; ²⁸for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. ²⁹I tell you, I will never again drink of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom."

³⁰When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

³¹Then Jesus said to them, "You will all become deserters because of me this night; for it is written,

'I will strike the shepherd,
and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.'

³²But after I am raised up, I will go ahead of you to Galilee." ³³Peter said to him, "Though all become deserters because of you, I will never desert you." ³⁴Jesus said to him, "Truly I tell you, this very night, before the cock crows, you will deny me three times." ³⁵Peter said to him, "Even though I must die with you, I will not deny you." And so said all the disciples.

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Message

MUSICAL REFLECTION

Fairest Lord Jesus - Ruth Elaine Schram

OUR RESPONSE TO THE WORD

- L: Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your steadfast love;
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.
- C: **Wash me through and through from my wickedness,
and cleanse me from my sin.**
- L: For I know my offenses, and my sin is ever before me.
Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in
your sight; so you are justified when you speak and right in
your judgment.
- C: **Wash me through and through from my wickedness,
and cleanse me from my sin.**
- L: Remove my sins with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be purer than snow.
Let me hear joy and gladness;
that the body you have broken may rejoice.
- C: **Wash me through and through from my wickedness,
and cleanse me from my sin.**
- L: Cast me not away from your presence,
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
**Restore to me the joy of your salvation
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.**
- C: **Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.**

The Prayers

- L: Lord, in your mercy,
C: **hear our prayer.**

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 and ever. Amen.**

Blessing

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.
In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
C: Amen.

Closing Song *Carry the Light*

**Carry the light, carry the light.
Go and tell the children they are precious in his sight.
Carry the light, carry the light.
Go and preach the gospel till there is no more night.
In the name of Jesus Christ, carry the light.
(repeat)**

Dismissal

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude *I Will Sing of the Mercies - Mark Hayes*

PREPARING FOR NEXT WEEK

Psalm 118: 19-29, Luke 19: 36-44, Matthew 26: 36-75

Welcome!

Please complete the pew card before you leave worship this day.

Pastor Keller would be happy to visit with you at the time and place of your choosing to answer questions about membership.

Simply call the church office at 724-352-2333 to make an appointment.

THIS MORNING'S WORSHIP MINISTRY TEAM INCLUDES:

Greeters

Mason Hoffman and Aiden Begeman

Ushers

Mike and Kristen Begeman

Praise Team

Chris Savannah

Marilyn Merbach

Jean Yohe

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