

Mission: To be a church where faith is fostered, community is cherished, and Christ's love thrives.

**PRELUDE****GATHERING SONG****God Is****WELCOME****CALL TO WORSHIP****Liturgist, Ryan Smith****L: Today we gather around God's table from near and far****P: We are the People of God!****L: Though we differ in language, custom, and tradition****P: We are brothers and sisters in Christ!****L: For there is one Lord, one faith, and one baptism****P: We are One in God's Spirit!****L: We are one and together we remember our Lord Jesus****P: For we are the people of Redemption!****L: He gave himself up for us, so we could be reconciled to God.****All: Come, let us worship the God of our Salvation!****HYMN\*****O God of Every Nation****UMH 435**

1. O God of every nation, of every race and land, redeem your whole creation with your almighty hand; where hate and fear divide us, and bitter threats are hurled, in love and mercy guide us, and heal our strife-torn world.

3. Lord, strengthen all who labor that all may find release from fear of rattling saber, from dread of war's increase; when hope and courage falter, Lord, let your voice be heard; with faith that none can alter, your servants undergird.

4. Keep bright in us the vision of days when war shall cease, when hatred and division give way to love and peace, till dawns the morning glorious when truth and justice reign, and Christ shall rule victorious o'er all the world's domain.

**THE PEACE OF CHRIST\*****CONGREGATIONAL AND LORD'S PRAYER****Liturgist, Ryan Smith****L: Lord in your mercy.****P: Hear our 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. Amen**

**SCRIPTURE READING****Isaiah 61:1-3****Rev. Jan Phillips**

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me because the Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and release to the prisoners, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor and the day of vengeance of our God, to comfort all who mourn, to provide for those who mourn in Zion—to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, to display his glory.

**SPECIAL MUSIC****Shout to The Lord****Chancel Choir****CHILDREN'S TIME****Rev. Jan Phillips**

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those reclining with him. Mary 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. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" (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.) Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

## SERMON

Keep Smelling Up the Place

Rev. Dr. Veronice Miles

## SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

L: The Lord be with you.

**P: And also with you.**

L: Lift up your hearts.

**P: We lift them up to the Lord.**

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

**P: It is right to give our thanks and praise**

L: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, ... and join their unending Hymn:

**P: 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.**

L: Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ .... as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

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

L: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, ... now and forever.

**All: AMEN.**

## CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

## HYMN\*

At Calvary

1. Years I spent in vanity and pride, Caring not my Lord was crucified, Knowing not it was for me He died on Calvary.

**Refrain:** Mercy there was great and grace was free, Pardon there was multiplied to me, There my burdened soul found liberty- At Calvary.

2. By God's Word at last my sin I learned-Then I trembled at the Law I'd spurned, Till my guilty soul imploring turned to Calvary. **Refrain.**

4. O the love that drew salvation's plan! O the grace that brought it down to man! O the mighty gulf that God did span at Calvary. **Refrain.**

## BENEDICTION\*

## MUSICAL RESPONSE\*

Tis' So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

UMH 462

Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him How I've proved Him o'er and o'er Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus Oh, for grace to trust Him more.

## POSTLUDE

