

PRELUDE "The First Song of Isaiah" by Noble/Damon Thelma Downey

GATHERING PRAYER Marilyn Casey
We are changing. You are changing. God is already at work in you, renewing your spirit. Anticipate the new thing that God is doing. Can you feel it?

WELCOME Marilyn Casey

CALL TO WORSHIP Marilyn Casey

L: Have mercy on Your people, O God.

P: Wash us. Cleanse us. Make us more perfect in Your love.

L: Open the skies and pour down Your grace upon Your people.

P: Open our hearts to hear Your voice. Let the thunder of Your presence awaken us!

L: Have mercy on Your people, O God.

P: Restore within us the joy of Your salvation. Draw us nearer to Jesus, our Christ! Amen.

OPENING HYMN "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty" vs. 1 & 3 Hymnal Page #64
1. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee. Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty, God in three persons, blessed Trinity!
3. Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee, though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see, only thou art holy; there is none beside thee, perfect in power, in love and purity.

OPENING PRAYER Marilyn Casey
Lord, be with us this day as we commit ourselves to being Your disciples. Help us to face the future unafraid, trusting in Your loving care and presence with us. We pray this in Jesus' Name. Amen.

READINGS Marilyn Casey

John 12:1-8 NIV

Jesus Anointed at Bethany

¹ Six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus lived, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. ² Here a dinner was given in Jesus' honor. Martha served, while Lazarus was among those reclining at the table with Him. ³ Then Mary took about a pint of pure nard, an expensive perfume; she poured it on Jesus' feet and wiped His feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. ⁴ But one of His disciples, Judas Iscariot, who was later to betray Him, objected, ⁵ "Why wasn't this perfume sold and the money given to the poor? It was worth a year's wages." ⁶ He did not say this because he cared about the poor but because he was a thief; as keeper of the money bag, he used to help himself to what was put into it. ⁷ "Leave her alone," Jesus replied. "It was intended that she should save this perfume for the day of My burial. ⁸ You will always have the poor among you, but you will not always have Me."

One: The Word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE **“WHEN MARY CARED ENOUGH TO GIVE HER VERY BEST”** Pastor Tom

PRAYERS OF THE PASTOR AND PEOPLE Pastor Tom

THE LORD’S PRAYER Pastor Tom

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.

GIVING BACK TO GOD (TITHES AND GIFTS) Pastor Tom

DOXOLOGY **“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”** Hymnal #95
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 Marilyn Casey
Generous and all-loving God, grant us the wisdom to know You more completely. Give us the hope to live as Your people. Inspire us to give of our spirits more fully, in the faith that Your promise is already within us. As we give our gifts and tithes today, we recommit ourselves to Your service and to the service of Your people. May we do so in response to Your unending call that beckons us and leads us home. We pray as followers of the glorified Christ. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN **“Lift High the Cross” vs. 1 & 4** Hymnal Page #159
Refrain: Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore his sacred name.
1. Come, Christians, follow this triumphant sign. The hosts of God in unity combine. [Refrain]
4. So shall our song of triumph ever be: Praise to the Crucified for victory! [Refrain]

BENEDICTION Pastor Tom

POSTLUDE **“How Majestic Is Your Name” by Smith** Thelma Downey



Starting this month, we are trying a new service aimed toward those of you without internet or smartphones, it's called Sermon By Phone. Each week, you will be able to call a dedicated phone number, 1-951-200-5906, and listen to Pastor's sermon or the entire worship service. There is **no** feature for you to pause, rewind, or fast forward. The Sermon/Service will be available Saturday-Friday of that week. We hope that those of you who have been receiving our weekly mailing will enjoy this added new service. If you have any questions, please call Ana Maria, 909-659-9571. All you have to do is call 1-951-200-5906, and listen.