



**GREENSBURG** *First*  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

*Wednesday Lenten Service*  
*March 27, 2019*  
*12 noon*



*“She has done  
what was in her power  
to do...”*

# *"A Noontime Service of Lenten Worship"*

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\* Indicates where you may stand if you are able.

\*\* Four-digit hymns are from *The Faith We Sing* hymnal

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ORGAN PRELUDE

A Lenten Meditation

Colin Mawby

\* CALL TO WORSHIP (*responsively*)

We come, because we seek our God.

**Every morning, every day, every evening, every moment, God is with us.**

We come, because we hunger for Christ.

**Jesus will feed us with hope, will replace our emptiness with grace.**

We come, because we thirst for the Spirit.

**Who fills our yearning for peace, who ends the drought of justice.**

\*\* HYMN

**Come and Find the Quiet Center**

No. 2128

(from *The Faith We Sing* hymnal)

\* LENTEN PRAYER (*in unison*)

**Today, God comes to us, to gather us in worship:**

**to wait in silence for the Word, to sit at the Table of grace.**

**As we go on our way, the Word of God comes, calling us to go forth to serve:**

**to bring hope to those who have none, to love all tossed aside by indifference.**

**The next day, and the next day, the Holy Spirit will come:**

**so we might discover the gift of peace, and offer it to our broken world.**

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

At the Name of Jesus

Lloyd Larson

Karen & Fred Pershing, Duet

SCRIPTURE

Mark 14:3-9 (NIV)

<sup>3</sup> *While he was in Bethany, reclining at the table in the home of Simon the Leper, a woman came with an alabaster jar of very expensive perfume, made of pure nard. She broke the jar and poured the perfume on his head.*

<sup>4</sup> *Some of those present were saying indignantly to one another, "Why this waste of perfume?" <sup>5</sup>It could have been sold for more than a year's wages and the money given to the poor." And they rebuked her harshly.*

<sup>6</sup> *"Leave her alone," said Jesus. "Why are you bothering her? She has done a beautiful thing to me. <sup>7</sup>The poor you will always have with you, and you can help them any time you want. But you will not always have me. <sup>8</sup>She did what she could. She poured perfume on my body beforehand to prepare for my burial. <sup>9</sup>Truly I tell you, wherever the gospel is preached throughout the world, what she has done will also be told, in memory of her."*

MEDITATION

*“She has done what was in her power to do”*

Ardi Hill

former United Methodist pastor

\* HYMN

**Lift Every Voice and Sing**

No. 519

\* BENEDECTION AND BLESSING OF OUR MEAL TOGETHER *(responsively)*

Today, tomorrow, and the next day, go with God:

**we will take the Word of grace into our world.**

Today, tomorrow, and the next days, go with Jesus:

**we will shelter those who have nowhere else to go.**

Today, tomorrow, and all the days to come, go with the Spirit:

**we will gather the forsaken into our hearts.**

**And as we go, we give God thanks for the bounty he has provided  
in the simple meal we are about to share.**

**In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. AMEN**

\* THE POSTLUDE

Postlude in d minor

A. F. Hesse

*Our deepest appreciation to  
Ardi Hill, Karen & Fred Pershing, and Ruth Hughes,  
for sharing their time, talent, and the Word with us today.*

*You are invited to stay and join us for a “Meager Meal”  
of soup and bread and a time of fellowship in our Fellowship Hall,  
immediately following the worship service.*

*Contributions for lunch are accepted and you are asked to  
please let those who must return to work go first in line.*

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**Church Office Hours**

Monday-Friday

8 a.m.-4 p.m.

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~ ~ ~ **Opportunities for Worship** ~ ~ ~

**Ekklesia service** - Saturdays at 7 p.m. (Sanctuary)

**Sunday services** - 8:30 & 10:45 a.m. (Sanctuary)

**Bible Study led by Rev. Anette Gerber**

9:30 a.m. Tuesdays or 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays (Library)

*- no Bible studies during Holy Week -*

**Lenten Lunches** - Wednesdays at 12 noon (Sanctuary)

Theme: "Cross-Walk"

"Meager Meal" of Soup & Bread (Fellowship Hall)

*- no Lenten Lunch on April 17 during Holy Week -*

**Maundy Thursday** - April 18

12-5 p.m. - Silent Communion (Sanctuary)

7 p.m. - Maundy Thursday Communion Service (Sanctuary)

**Good Friday** - April 19

11:30 a.m. - Way of the Cross (beginning at Greensburg Courthouse)

12 noon - Good Friday Services (First Presbyterian Church)

7 p.m. - Good Friday Service (Sanctuary)

**Holy Saturday Easter Vigil** - April 20

7 p.m. - Easter Vigil (Sanctuary)

**Easter Sunday** services - April 21

8:30 & 10:45 a.m. (Sanctuary)