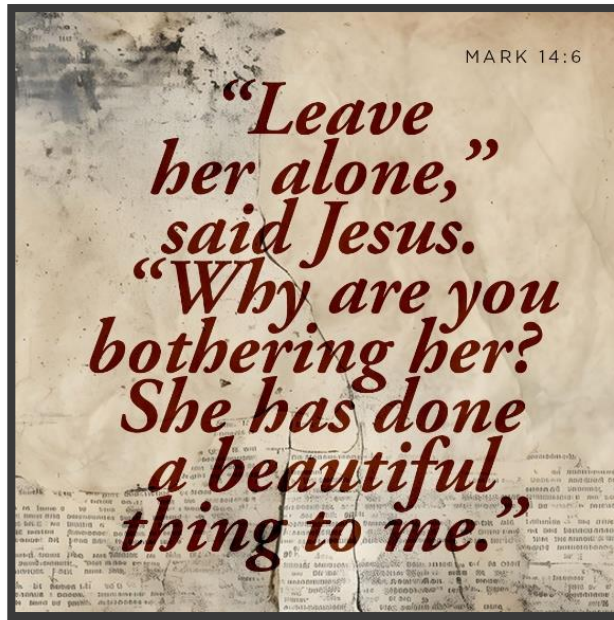




The Questions Jesus Asked

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE / COUNTDOWN

*OPENING PRAISE AND WORSHIP

Come, Now Is the Time to Worship

See screens.

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor

WELCOME OF GUEST

Pastor

PASSING THE PEACE

Pastor

CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist: Come, let us worship Jesus with open hearts.

Congregation: We bring Him our praise, our gratitude, and our lives.

Liturgist: The world may call wholehearted devotion wasteful.

Congregation: But Jesus calls worship offered in love beautiful.

Liturgist: Let us offer God more than empty words and comfortable routines.

Congregation: We will worship the One who poured out His life for us.

Liturgist: Come, let us give Jesus our wholehearted worship.

All: We will worship the Lord with all our heart. Amen.

*HYMN OF PRAISE

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty (v. 1-4)

UMH #64

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Nicene Creed

Liturgist

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of everything that is, visible and invisible. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not created, of one being with the Father. Through Him all things were made. For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven, was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death and was buried. On the third day He rose again, in fulfillment of the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son He is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy, catholic, and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

GLORIA PATRI

UMH #70

OLD TESTAMENT READING: 2 Samuel 24:18-25 (NKJV)

Liturgist

The Altar on the Threshing Floor

¹⁸And Gad came that day to David and said to him, "Go up, erect an altar to the Lord on the threshing floor of Araunah the Jebusite." ¹⁹So David, according to the word of Gad, went up as the Lord commanded. ²⁰Now Araunah looked, and saw the king and his servants coming toward him. So Araunah went out and bowed before the king with his face to the ground.

²¹Then Araunah said, "Why has my lord the king come to his servant?"

And David said, "To buy the threshing floor from you, to build an altar to the Lord, that the plague may be withdrawn from the people."

²²Now Araunah said to David, "Let my lord the king take and offer up whatever *seems* good to him. Look, *here are* oxen for burnt sacrifice, and threshing implements and the yokes of the oxen for wood. ²³All these, O king, Araunah has given to the king."

And Araunah said to the king, "May the Lord your God accept you."

²⁴Then the king said to Araunah, "No, but I will surely buy *it* from you for a price; nor will I offer burnt offerings to the Lord my God with that which costs me nothing." So, David bought the threshing floor and the oxen for fifty shekels

of silver. ²⁵ And David built there an altar to the Lord and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings. So, the Lord heeded the prayers for the land, and the plague was withdrawn from Israel.

Liturgist: This is the word of God for the people of God.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Pastor

CHILDREN'S PRAYER

Dear Jesus, thank You for loving us. Help us see people who need help. Give us kind hearts and helping hands. Teach us to love others like You love us. Amen.

GOSPEL READING: Mark 14:1-9 (NKJV)

Liturgist

The Plot to Kill Jesus

14 After two days it was the Passover and *the Feast* of Unleavened Bread. And the chief priests and the scribes sought how they might take Him by trickery and put *Him* to death. ² But they said, "Not during the feast, lest there be an uproar of the people."

The Anointing at Bethany

³ And being in Bethany at the house of Simon the leper, as He sat at the table, a woman came having an alabaster flask of very costly oil of spikenard. Then she broke the flask and poured *it* on His head. ⁴ But there were some who were indignant among themselves, and said, "Why was this fragrant oil wasted? ⁵ For it might have been sold for more than three hundred denarii and given to the poor." And they criticized her sharply.

⁶ But Jesus said, "Let her alone. Why do you trouble her? She has done a good work for Me. ⁷ For you have the poor with you always, and whenever you wish you may do them good; but Me you do not have always. ⁸ She has done what she could. She has come beforehand to anoint My body for burial. ⁹ Assuredly, I say to you, wherever this gospel is preached in the whole world, what this woman has done will also be told as a memorial to her."

Liturgist: This is the word of God for the people of God.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

PRESENTATION OF PRAYERS AND PRAISE

Pastor

Prayer cards are on the information table. If you have a prayer request that you would like to share with the congregation, please fill out a card and pass it toward the center aisle as we are singing the Hymn of Preparation. The pastor will collect them during the hymn and pray over the cards.

*HYMN OF PREPARATION

I Surrender All (vs. 1-5)

UMH #354

PASTORAL PRAYER

SERMON

Pastor

Title: The Questions Jesus Asked

Theme: Wholehearted Worship

Question: Why are you bothering her?

Main Idea: Worship offered to Jesus is beautiful, costly, and never wasted.

RECEIVING OF TITHES AND SACRIFICES (Celebrating Our Gifts)

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Gracious God, You have poured Your grace into our lives through Jesus Christ. Receive these gifts as expressions of our gratitude and worship. Take what we offer and use it to share the gospel, care for those in need, strengthen Your Church, and bring hope to our community. May we give You not only our possessions but also our time, our abilities, our service, and our hearts. In the name of Jesus Christ, who gave everything for us, we pray. Amen.

COLLECTION OF TITHES AND SACRIFICES

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, From Whom All Blessings

UMH #95

HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Pastor: Christ our Lord invites to His Table all who love Him, who repent of their sin, and who seek to live in peace with one another.

Mary poured out something precious for Jesus, and He called her gift beautiful. At this Table, we remember that Jesus poured out His life for us. We come not because our worship is perfect, but because His grace is perfect.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

Congregation: We lift them up to the Lord.

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

Congregation: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Pastor:

Holy God, we give You thanks for creating us, loving us, and calling us to worship You with our whole lives.

When our love failed, Your love remained steadfast. You sent Jesus Christ to welcome sinners, heal the broken, defend the faithful, and reveal the fullness of Your grace.

On the night in which He gave Himself for us, Jesus took bread, gave thanks, broke it, gave it to His disciples, and said: "Take and eat; this is My body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me."

When the supper was over, He took the cup, gave thanks, gave it to His disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you. This is My blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of Me."

Mary poured out perfume in love. Jesus poured out His life for the salvation of the world.

Pastor: Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Pastor: Pour out Your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and cup. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may become the body of Christ for the world.

Break open our guarded hearts. Make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world.

Through Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in Your holy Church, all honor and glory are Yours, Almighty Father, now and forever.

All: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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BREAKING THE BREAD

Pastor: The body of Christ was broken for us.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Pastor: The blood of Christ was poured out for us.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

All: Eternal God, we thank You for this holy meal in which You have given Yourself to us.

Send us into the world to do what we can, give what we have, and serve with wholehearted love.

May our lives become a beautiful offering to Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.

*HYMN OF CELEBRATION

To God Be the Glory (vs. 1-3)

UMH #98

*COMMISION / BENEDICTION

Pastor

Go now as people whose worship continues beyond this sanctuary. Do what you can. Give what you have. Serve with love. Offer Jesus your whole heart. May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the presence and power of the Holy Spirit be with you as you pour out your lives in love. May the fragrance of Christ fill your homes, this church, and our community. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord...and all of God's children said...Amen.

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Freely, Freely (vs. 1 & 2)

UMH #389

* Please stand as you are able.