

LENT 5 SUNDAY

April 3, 2022

Organ Prelude: Prelude in D minor

J. S. Bach

Welcome, Announcements & Worship Theme

Silent Meditation

***CALL TO WORSHIP:**

We who gather for worship are people who sometimes feel shame.

Maybe the shame we feel has arisen because of how others have made us feel. Maybe the shame has arisen because of something we have done we feel badly about.

Shame is something that happens in us because we don't fit someone else's standards whom we respect or because society has some standard we fail to meet.

We gather for worship to open ourselves to a love greater than our shame. We gather for worship to receive a love that can transform our feelings of shame into seeds of compassion, service and empowerment to rise up forgiven, restored and free.

Come upon us, O God, and fill us with your love, freedom and empowerment as we worship you this hour!

***Hymn: God is love; come heaven, adoring**

No. 314

**1. God is Love: let heav'n adoring;
God is Love: come earth, rejoice.
Come creation, voices soaring,
sing exulting with one voice.**

**God who laid the earth's foundation,
God who spread the heav'ns above,
God who breathes through all creation,
God is Love, eternal love.**

2. God is love; whose arms enfolding
all the world in one embrace;
with unfailing grasp are holding
every child of every race,
and when human hearts are breaking
under sorrow's iron rod,
all the sorrow, all the aching
wrings with pain the heart of God.

3. God is Love, and though with blindness
sin afflicts all human life,
God's eternal loving-kindness
guides us through all earthly strife.
Sin and death and hell shall never
o'er us final triumph gain;
God is Love: so love forever
o'er the universe must reign.

Prayer of Approach, Confession & 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, the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

The Peace of Christ be with you all;
And also with you.

Church School Theme

Special Music: I will sing of thy great mercies

soloist Chris Tanaka-Mann

Mendelssohn

Scripture Readings: Luke 7: 36-50; John 12: 1-8

Reader, Sharon Fischer

Luke 7: 36-50

36 One of the Pharisees asked Jesus to eat with him, and he went into the Pharisee's house and took his place at the table. ³⁷And a woman in the city, who was a sinner, having learned that he was eating in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster jar of ointment. ³⁸She stood behind him at his feet, weeping, and began to bathe his feet with her tears and to dry them with her hair. Then she continued kissing his feet and anointing them with the ointment. ³⁹Now when the Pharisee who had invited him saw it, he said to himself, 'If this man were a prophet, he would have known who and what kind of woman this is who is touching him—that she is a sinner.' ⁴⁰Jesus spoke up and said to him, 'Simon, I have something to say to you.' 'Teacher,' he replied, 'speak.' ⁴¹'A certain creditor had two debtors; one owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. ⁴²When they could not pay, he cancelled the debts for both of them. Now which of them will love him more?' ⁴³Simon answered, 'I suppose the one for whom he cancelled the greater debt.' And Jesus said to him, 'You have judged rightly.' ⁴⁴Then turning towards the woman, he said to Simon, 'Do

you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave me no water for my feet, but she has bathed my feet with her tears and dried them with her hair. ⁴⁵You gave me no kiss, but from the time I came in she has not stopped kissing my feet. ⁴⁶You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment. ⁴⁷Therefore, I tell you, her sins, which were many, have been forgiven; hence she has shown great love. But the one to whom little is forgiven, loves little.’ ⁴⁸Then he said to her, ‘Your sins are forgiven.’ ⁴⁹But those who were at the table with him began to say among themselves, ‘Who is this who even forgives sins?’ ⁵⁰And he said to the woman, ‘Your faith has saved you; go in peace.’ Amen.

John 12: 1-8

¹Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. ²There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. ³Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus’ feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. ⁴But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, ⁵‘Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?’ ⁶(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.) ⁷Jesus said, ‘Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. ⁸You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.’ Amen.

We are listening, O God;
Speak to us!

Sermon:

SHAME

Dr. Harris

Special Music: Drop, drop slow tears

Gibbons

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Pastoral Concern

***Hymn: A prophet-woman broke a jar**

No. 588

**1. A prophet-woman broke a jar,
by Love’s divine appointing.
With rare perfume she filled the room,
presiding and anointing.
A prophet-woman broke a jar,
the sneers of scorn defying.
With rare perfume she filled the room,
preparing Christ for dying.**

**2. A faithful woman left a tomb
by Love’s divine commission.
She saw, she heard,
she preached the Word,
arising from submission.
A faithful woman left a tomb,
with resurrection gospel;
she saw, she heard,
she preached the Word,
apostle to apostles.**

3. Though woman wisdom, woman truth,
for centuries were hidden,
unsung, unwritten and unheard,
derided and forbidden,
the Spirit's breath, the Spirit's fire,
on free and slave descending,
can tumble our dividing walls,
our shame and sadness mending.

4. The Spirit knows, the Spirit calls,
by Love's divine ordaining,
the friends we need, to serve and lead,
their powers and gifts unchaining.
The Spirit knows, the Spirit calls,
from women, men and children,
the friends we need, to serve and lead.
Rejoice and make them welcome?

Benediction

Threefold Amen

Organ Postlude: Fugue in D minor

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**Remain seated if you are more comfortable*

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