

AN ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

✠ ENTRANCE ✠

GATHERING OF THE CHURCH

A MISSION MOMENT: Appalachia Service Project

PRELUDE *Joyful, Joyful* arr. Travis

* GREETING adapted from Psalm 126

Leader: When the Lord changed Zion's circumstances for the better,

People: it was like we had been dreaming.

Leader: Our mouths were suddenly filled with laughter;

People: our tongues were filled with joyful shouts.

Leader: It was even said, at that time, among the nations,

People: The Lord has done great things for them!

All: Yes, the Lord has done great things for us, and we are overjoyed. Lord, continue to change our circumstances for the better!

*HYMN 383 *This Is a Day of New Beginnings* BEGINNINGS
(Stanzas 1-4)

* OPENING PRAYER

✠ PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE ✠

RECOGNITION OF THOSE WHO SERVE IN MUSIC MINISTRY

ANTHEM *Anthems of Love* Forrest
Combined Choirs, Worship Orchestra

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

* GOSPEL LESSON John 12:1-8
Six days before Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, home of Lazarus, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. Lazarus and his sisters hosted a dinner for him. Martha served and Lazarus was among those who joined him at the table. Then Mary took an extraordinary amount, almost three-quarters of a pound, of very expensive perfume made of pure nard. She anointed Jesus' feet with it, then wiped his feet dry with her hair. The house was filled with the aroma of the perfume. Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), complained, "This perfume was worth a year's wages! Why wasn't it sold and the money given to the poor?" (He said this not because he cared about the poor but because he was a thief. He carried the money bag and would take what was in it.)

Then Jesus said, "Leave her alone. This perfume was to be used in preparation for my burial, and this is how she has used it. You will always have the poor among you, but you won't always have me."

* GOSPEL RESPONSE (to be sung by all, No. 176)

**Majesty, worship his majesty;
Unto Jesus be all glory, honor, and praise.
Majesty, kingdom authority,
Flow from his throne unto his own; his anthem raise.
So, exalt, lift up on high the name of Jesus.
Magnify, come glorify Christ Jesus the King.
Majesty, worship his majesty,
Jesus who died, now glorified, King of all kings.**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Isaiah 43:1-7, 10-13, 18-19a

*But now, says the LORD—
the one who created you, Jacob,
the one who formed you, Israel:
Don't fear, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name; you are mine.
When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
when through the rivers, they won't sweep over you.
When you walk through the fire, you won't be scorched
and flame won't burn you.
I am the LORD your God,
the holy one of Israel, your savior.
I have given Egypt as your ransom,
Cush and Seba in your place.
Because you are precious in my eyes,
you are honored, and I love you.
I give people in your place,
and nations in exchange for your life.
Don't fear,
I am with you.
From the east I'll bring your children;
from the west I'll gather you.
I'll say to the north, "Give them back!"
and to the south, "Don't detain them."
Bring my sons from far away,
and my daughters from the end of the earth,
everyone who is called by my name
and whom I created for my glory,
whom I have formed and made.
You are my witnesses, says the LORD,
my servant, whom I chose,*

*so that you would know and believe me
and understand that I am the one.
Before me no god was formed;
after me there has been no other.
I, I am the LORD,
and there is no savior besides me.
I announced, I saved, I proclaimed,
not some stranger among you.
You are my witnesses, says the LORD,
and I am God.
From the dawn of time, I am the one.
No one can escape my power.
I act, and who can undo it?
Don't remember the prior things;
don't ponder ancient history.
Look! I'm doing a new thing;*

SERMON

A New Thing

*HYMN 555 *Forward Through the Ages* ST. GERTRUDE

* AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: THE APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord:
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

* THE GLORIA PATRI

**Glory be to the Father
And to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning,
Is now and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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, and the power, and the glory,
forever. Amen.**

THE PRESENTATION OF GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *Prayer to Jehovah* IJames
Chapel Singers

* THE DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

☞ THE SENDING FORTH ☜

* **HYMN 580** *Lead On, O King Eternal* LANCASHIRE

* CARRYING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

* DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

* CHORAL RESPONSE (to be sung by all, No. 2176 TFWS)

Make me a servant, humble and meek,

Lord let me lift up, those who are weak.

And may the prayer of my heart always be:

Make me a servant, make me a servant,

Make me a servant today.

* THE CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

To honor our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ,
please remain standing for all the chimes of the Trinity –
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

* **POSTLUDE** *Toccata on OLD HUNDREDTH* arr. Burkhardt

* Please stand as you are able

All hymns may be found in *The United Methodist Hymnal*
unless noted as *TFWS* (which represents *The Faith We Sing*)
or *WS* (which represents *Worship and Song*).

WELCOME TO FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH CARY

We welcome you to First United Methodist Church Cary, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. We pray that our time of worship will draw you closer to God and invite you to join us for worship on Sunday mornings. Our regular schedule includes Sanctuary services at 8:25, 9:45, and 11:05, 1st on Chatham at The Cary at 9:45 and 11:05, and our Celebration service in the Fellowship Hall at 11:11.

We invite you to stop by our information table in the large narthex if you have any questions about our church. Also, our website, firstcary.com, may provide the information you need.

WORSHIP LEADERS THIS MORNING:

Preacher: The Reverend Martha K. McLean,
Pastor of Christian Formation

Liturgist: The Reverend Carl Frazier,
Lead Pastor

Choir Directors: Kerry Johnston,
Director of Music Ministry
Brent Hubbell, NewSpirit Choir
Patti Cook, Asbury Choir

Organist: Christy Farrow,
Associate Director of Music Ministry

Pianist: David Griffin

Lay Readers:	Stephen Ministers:
8:25 Michele Coakley	Eric Buchholtz
9:45 Roy Gemberling	Pam Hartman
11:05 Elias Ballew	Charlotte West

A Stephen Minister is available in the large narthex after each church service to meet and pray with anyone who would like to.



Nothing Stays the Same



Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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