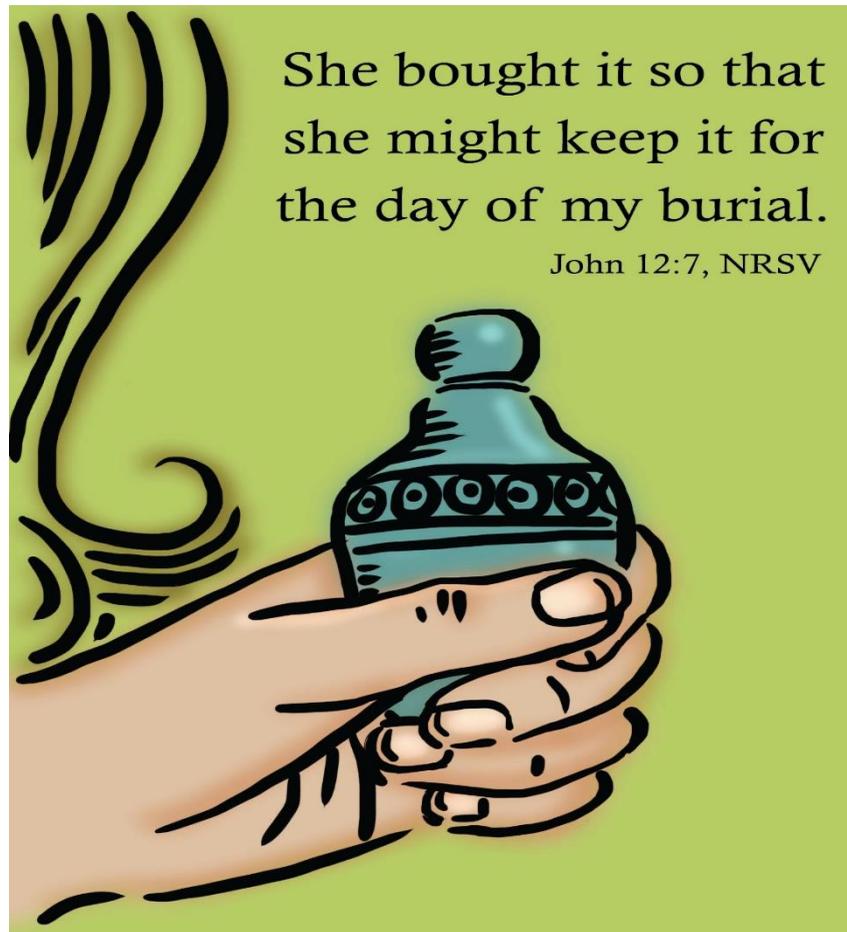


FRIENDSHIP UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday, April 7
11:00 am Worship Service



She bought it so that
she might keep it for
the day of my burial.

John 12:7, NRSV

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FRIENDSHIP UNITED METHODIST CHURCH HOLY COMMUNION SUNDAY 11:00 am Service for April 7, 2019

GATHERING

Friendship United Methodist Church welcomes you and rejoices that you have chosen to worship with us. Friendship Church is a congregation of caring and committed Christians. Everyone is encouraged to complete the information asked of you in the “RED” Registration Pads found in each Pew. If you would like a visit from the pastor or seek more information about Friendship Church please mark the appropriate space on the pad. We invite you to stand, if you are able, at the points of worship marked with an asterisk. We invite you to read aloud with others at those places in **bold print**. Friendship Church hopes that this worship experience will help strengthen your faith and helps you to grow in your love of God. If you are a visitor and would like a “visitor bag” please see an usher following the service.

WELCOME

PRELUDE “Fairest Lord Jesus” (arr. Bober) Tracey Ernst

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on Psalm 126):

L: You fill our mouths with laughter, O God, with our tongues we shout for joy.

P: You have done great things for us, O God; we come before you with praise on our lips.

L: We gather in community, connected to sisters and brothers around the world.

P: We seek God’s treasure in our mission and our gifts.

L: Let us worship God!

* HYMN OF PRAISE: UMH 77 “How Great Thou Art”

*UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of mercy, hear us as we confess our sin. Power beguiles us and we deem ourselves worthy. Our good works convince us that we can assure our salvation. We heap treasures about us as signs of merit and status, then build elaborate defenses to keep our prizes secure. Forgive the illusion of our own greatness, and in Jesus Christ humble us to receive your reward. Amen.

*MOMENT OF SILENCE

*WORDS OF ASSURANCE

MOMENT FOR THE CHILD IN ALL OF US:

- Ruth Bailey

ANTHEM BY THE HANDBELL CHOIR

“Fairest Lord Jesus” (arr. R. Mallory)

PRESENTATION OF OUR OFFERING TO GOD

Offertory “Lamb of God” (arr. M. Ryan) Handbell Choir

*Doxology: “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen*

*Prayer of Dedication & 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*

*HYMN OF PREPARATION:

UMH 295 “In The Cross of Christ I Glory”

SCRIPTURE LESSON: John 12:1-11 (New Test. Page 100)

MESSAGE: “The Lord’s Evidence”

– Rev. Thomas E. Young, Jr.

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*HYMN OF INVITATION: UMH 424

“Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone”

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE “Our Great Savior” (arr. Bober) Tracey Ernst

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L: The Lord be with you.

P: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

P: We lift them up to the Lord.

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

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

L: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth. You brought all things into being and called them good. From the dust of the earth you formed us into your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast. When rain fell upon the earth for forty days and forty nights, you bore up the ark on the waters, saved Noah and his family, and made covenant with every living creature on earth. When you led your people to Mount Sinai for forty days and forty nights, you gave us your commandments and made us your covenant people. When your people forsook your covenant, your prophet Elijah fasted for forty days and forty nights; and on your holy mountain, he heard your still small voice. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

P: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

L: Holy are you and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. When you gave him to save us from our sin, your Spirit led him into the wilderness, where he fasted forty days and forty nights to prepare for his ministry. When he suffered and died on a cross for our sin, you

raised him to life, presented him alive to the apostles during forty days and exalted him at your right hand. By the baptism of his suffering, death and resurrection You gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit. Now, when we your people prepare for the yearly feast of Easter, you lead us to repentance for sin and the cleansing of our hearts, that during these forty days of Lent we may be gifted and graced to reaffirm the covenant you made with us through Christ. On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, 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, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving, as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

P: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

L: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and cup. Make them be for us the Body and Blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the Body of Christ, redeemed by his Blood. By your Spirit, make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet. Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever.

P: Amen.