



Strathmore United Church

March 19, 2023

Week Four of Lent

Welcome and announcements:

Entering the Story:

Enter
Enter the passion
Enter the place we belong
Not just looking on
For this is *our* passion
Enter the passion.
(2nd time)
Enter the story...
Enter the passion...
Enter his passion.

Prayer of Confession:

L: Let us pray together:

P: It is so hard to not be afraid. Sometimes our fear makes us less compassionate, and more judgmental. We think we can ward off getting hurt by holding back, unwilling to risk putting ourselves out there for the sake of love. Forgive us, O God. Encourage us to extravagant acts of love, especially when we are frightened. You entered our story through Jesus, now help us to enter fully into the story of your kin-dom on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.

♪♪ Hymn: *When Mary Poured a Rich Perfume* *Tune VU #164

When Mary poured a rich perfume on Jesus' weary feet,
Her caring filled that humble room; the fragrance there was sweet.
But full of anger, Judas said, "We could have used this more!
Why was her gift not sold instead and given to the poor?"

The Lord replied, "Leave her alone! She bought it for this day.
This caring love that she has shown is faithful to God's way.
The poor will always be with you, but you will not have me."
He blessed her and he thanked her, too, for giving lavishly.

O Christ, what can your people bring to show you thanks and love?
You need no fragrant offering; for now you reign above.
Since there will never cease to be the poor throughout the land,
May we, your church, serve faithfully by offering them our hand.

Assurance of Pardon:

♪♪ **Hymn:** I Love to Tell the Story (VS 1) *VU #343

Telling the Story: Through a Child's Eyes

We will dare to join the journey. We will walk your loving way. We
will live your sacred story; Through the things we do and say.

Amen.

Scripture story: Mark 14: 3-9

P: Loving God, help us live your story as we learn it is not foolish to
give out of love. Amen.

Listening for the Story: Psalm 23

♪♪ **Hymn:** Said Judas to Mary *VU #129

Dwelling in the Story:

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Sermon:

♪♪ **Hymn:** Christ Be with Me *VU #318

Prayers and The Lord's Prayer:

Offering Invitation:

♪♪ **Sung Dedication: What Can I Do *MV #191**

What Can I do? What can I bring?

What can I say? What can I sing?

I'll sing with joy. I'll say a prayer.

I'll bring my love. I'll do my share.

Prayer:

In gratitude, O God, we come to your table, into your presence, into your house. For all that you have done for us, most especially, for bringing us into the light of Jesus, we offer our thanks and praise. We long to live as children of light, doing what is pleasing to you and bearing the fruit of the light. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

♪♪ Hymn: *We are Pilgrims* *VU #595

Benediction:

Passing the Peace of Christ:

May the peace of Christ be with youAnd also with you!

Please join us for Coffee and Fellowship after the service!

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