

**PRELUDE**

◇A time of quiet preparation

*Jesus Paid It All/* arr. H. DeCou  
*Were You There?/* arr. F. Bock  
Kathleen Golias, Piano

**WORDS OF GREETING**

Rev. Thomas E. Nicholas

**WE APPROACH GOD**

IN WORD

Psalm 18: 1-3a; 46-50 (NIV)

Leader: I love you, O LORD, my strength.

People: **The LORD is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer;  
my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge.**

Leader: He is my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.  
I call to the LORD, who is worthy of praise

People: **The LORD lives! Praise be to my Rock!  
Exalted be God my Savior!**

Leader: He is the God who avenges me, who subdues nations under me,  
who saves me from my enemies.

People: **Therefore I will praise you among the nations, O LORD;  
I will sing praises to your name.  
He gives his king great victories;  
he shows unfailing kindness to his anointed,  
to David and his descendants forever.**

IN PRAYER

**\*WE PRAISE OUR GOD**

HYMN OF PRAISE 648

*My Jesus, I Love Thee*

**WE CONFESS OUR SIN**

from Reformation Theology

Unison: **O my Savior, help me.  
I am slow to learn, prone to forget, and weak to climb;  
I am in the foothills when I should be on the heights;  
I am pained by my graceless heart,  
my prayerless days, my poverty of love,  
my sloth in the heavenly race,  
my sullied conscience, my wasted hours,  
my unspent opportunities.**

**I am blind while the light shines around me:  
take the scales from my eyes,  
grind to dust my heart of unbelief.  
Make it my highest joy to study you,  
meditate on you, gaze on you,  
sit like Mary at your feet,  
lean like John on your breast,  
appeal like Peter to your love,  
count like Paul all things but dung.  
I believe, help my unbelief. Amen**

**\*WE EXALT OUR LORD**

WORSHIP SONGS

Leader: Let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily  
entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out  
for us. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of  
our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross,  
scorning its shame, Consider him who endured such opposition  
from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.  
from Hebrews 12 (NIV)

**WE GREET ONE ANOTHER**

DISMISSAL OF CHILDREN TO CHILDREN’S WORSHIP (4 years old to 1<sup>st</sup> grade)

WELCOME TO VISITORS

**MISSION MOMENT**

Caitlin Voigt

**WE SEEK GOD’S FACE**

Prayers of God's People

**WE OFFER OUR GIFTS**

OFFERING/ CHORAL OFFERTORY

*Who Is This?/* J. Ferguson  
Lori Weaver, Viola

**WE HEAR GOD’S WORD**

SCRIPTURE READING

John 11:54-12:11

<sup>54</sup> Therefore Jesus no longer moved about publicly among the Jews.  
Instead he withdrew to a region near the desert, to a village called  
Ephraim, where he stayed with his disciples. <sup>55</sup> When it was almost  
time for the Jewish Passover, many went up from the country to

Jerusalem for their ceremonial cleansing before the “Passover.”<sup>56</sup> They kept looking for Jesus, and as they stood in the temple area they asked one another, “What do you think? Isn’t he coming to the Feast at all?”<sup>57</sup> But the chief priests and Pharisees had given orders that if anyone found out where Jesus was, he should report it so that they might arrest him.

<sup>1</sup> Six days before the Passover, Jesus arrived at Bethany, where Lazarus lived, whom Jesus had raised from the dead.<sup>2</sup> Here a dinner was given in Jesus’ honor. Martha served, while Lazarus was among those reclining at the table with him.<sup>3</sup> Then Mary took about a pint of pure nard, an expensive perfume; she poured it on Jesus’ feet and wiped his feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume.<sup>4</sup> But one of his disciples, Judas Iscariot, who was later to betray him, objected,<sup>5</sup> “Why wasn’t this perfume sold and the money given to the poor? It was worth a year’s wages.”<sup>6</sup> He did not say this because he cared about the poor but because he was a thief; as keeper of the money bag, he used to help himself to what was put into it.<sup>7</sup> “Leave her alone,” Jesus replied. “[It was intended] that she should save this perfume for the day of my burial.”<sup>8</sup> You will always have the poor among you, but you will not always have me.”<sup>9</sup> Meanwhile a large crowd of Jews found out that Jesus was there and came, not only because of him but also to see Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead.<sup>10</sup> So the chief priests made plans to kill Lazarus as well,<sup>11</sup> for on account of him many of the Jews were going over to Jesus and putting their faith in him.

SERMON

***Gym Member Associate or Alluring Lover?***  
**series: Jesus According to John**  
Rev. Stephen Jones

**\*WE GO FORTH TO SERVE**

HYMN OF RESPONSE **252**

*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

WORDS OF PEACE

DISMISSAL OF CHILDREN FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR (2<sup>nd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> grade)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

