

March 8, 2020

Second Sunday in Lent 9:45 AM  
And International Women's Day

**PRELUDE** John Douglas and Jeffrey Segal

**SHARING OUR FELLOWSHIP** Dan Griset

**INTROIT** *The Gift of Love* Chancel Choir  
By Hal H. Hopson

**CALL TO WORSHIP** Jim Cox, Liturgist

One: Welcome to the family of Christ, Sophia, God's Wisdom, where all are truly welcome, affirmed and honored, whatever your gender identity!

Many: **We come together in solidarity, community, prayer and service to proclaim that all are equal and cherished in God's eyes.**

One: Goddess calls women, men and the nonbinary to follow the example of Mary Magdalene, first evangelist to the apostles, to be pastors, leaders and prophets.

Many: **Let us not be silent but speak out against sexism, racism, classism, homophobia and injustice in our Church and in the world.**

One: It takes courage of faith to be a disciple of Christ. Let us prepare our hearts for an encounter with the Spirit that inspires, heals and encourages us.

Prayer: **Holy One of all our days and years, bless sisters, mothers, daughters, wives and partners in the work of sharing Good News. Bless our friends around the world who speak out publicly in support of women's equality and ordination. Fashion each of us in the Divine Image so we may reflect the presence of the Holy Spirit. Forgive us for any attitudes of supremacy which result in oppression, or for actions which bind others in structures of injustice. We pray in the spirit of Jesus the Christ. Amen**

**OPENING SONG** (stand if able) *One Spirit of Love*  
By Paul Svenson

Please greet those around you after the song, then be seated.

**WORDS OF WELCOME**

Pastor Mike Holland

**ANTHEM** *Consider the Lilies* Chancel Choir  
By J. Paul Williams; James Stevens

**CHILDREN & YOUTH MOMENT with Pastor Kel**

**CHURCH SCHOOL** Children & Youth excused to classes  
**Go, our children, with our blessing, God's light to be. Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free. Here the Spirit's power filled you, here with tender comfort stilled you. Go, our children, with our blessing, God's light to be.**

**MORNING PRAYERS**  
Sharing Joys & Concerns

**Jesus Prayer**, translation by Parker Palmer  
**Heavenly Father, Heavenly Mother, Holy and blessed is Your name. We pray for Your reign of peace to come, we pray that your good will be done, let heaven and earth be as one. Give us this day the bread we need, as we give bread to those who have none. Let forgiveness flow like a river between us, lead us beyond the evil of our days – for Yours is the power and the glory and the mercy: forever Your name is All in One. Amen**

**Quiet Meditation**

**READING**

John 20:15-18, a paraphrase

<sup>15</sup> "Woman," Jesus says to Mary, "why are you crying? Who are you looking for?" Thinking the resurrected Christ was the gardener, Mary said, "Please, sir, if you've moved the body, tell me where you've put it so I can take it away."<sup>16</sup> "Mary", says Jesus. She turns around and exclaims in Hebrew, "*Rabboni!*" (which means "Teacher"). <sup>17</sup> "Do not touch me," Jesus tells her, "because I have not yet ascended to Abba. But go to my brothers and sisters and tell them: 'I'm ascending to my father-Mother God who is your Father-Mother God.'" <sup>18</sup> Mary of Magdala goes and reports to the disciples, "I've seen the Messiah," and then relates everything Jesus said to her.

**MESSAGE** *The Gospel According to Mary* Pastor Mike Holland  
*...and all her Sisters*

**HYMN OF DISCIPLESHIP** *Celebrate our Life Together*  
(Please stand if able)

**A TIME FOR GIVING**

(Online giving is an option through [churchofthefoothills.org](http://churchofthefoothills.org))  
Sharing Our Faith Keni Cox, Elder  
Offertory John Douglas and Jeffrey Segal  
Receiving of Gifts (please stand if able)

**Give thanks with a grateful heart,  
give thanks for the Holy One,  
Give thanks because God's given so much love to us.  
(repeat)  
(ending) Give Thanks!**

**BENEDICTION** Pastor Mike Holland

**CONGREGATIONAL CHORAL RESPONSE**

**FAMILY SONG**

*Here we are, gathered together like family;  
Bound as one, lifting up our voices through eternity.  
We cry, "Abba, Father, holy is your name."  
Sophia, Mother, holy is your name." (repeat)*

*Anyone who desires to be a disciple of Christ  
and a member of this church,  
is encouraged to speak to the minister after the service.*

**POSTLUDE** John Douglas and Jeffrey Segal