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## Order of Worship December 2, 2018

Preparing Our Hearts: If you arrive a little early, prepare your heart for worship by reading and thinking about this text:

- *With my voice I cry out to the LORD; with my voice I plead for mercy to the LORD.* (Ps. 142:1 ESV)

### Call to Worship:

- God calls us to worship
  - *Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my pleas for mercy! In your faithfulness answer me, in your righteousness!* (Ps. 143:1 ESV)
- We humbly respond with praise
  - “Joy to the World”
  - “What Child Is This”

### Gospel Assurance:

- Our need for Jesus
  - *Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. **Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!** For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. **Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment.** Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. **Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.*** (Ps. 51:1-4, 10, 12 ESV)
- God’s grace
  - *And I will give them one heart, and a new spirit I will put within them. I will remove the heart of stone from their flesh and give them a heart of flesh, that they may walk in my statutes and keep my rules and obey them. And they shall be my people, and I will be their God.* (Ezek. 11:19-20 ESV)
  - “Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)”
  - “Jesus Messiah”

What We Believe: As a church we want to affirm our unity in what we believe.

- *The death of the Son of God is the only and most perfect sacrifice and satisfaction for sin, and is of infinite worth and value. Amen. (The Canons of Dort 2.3)*

Prayer: We bring our requests to the Lord through Jesus Christ.

Church Life/Greeting: In Christ, we live and fellowship together as believers. We take time to learn what is going on in our church, and to greet one another as we worship.

Prayer for Understanding: We pray that God will open our hearts and minds to the preaching of His Word.

Sermon:

- Mark 14:3-11

Lord's Supper: In taking communion together, we remember the death of Christ as we proclaim it to one another as we consume the elements.

- "In Christ Alone"

Praise to God (Doxology): We end our time of worship together as we resound in praises together.

- "How Can I Keep from Singing"

God Blesses: We go into the world this week with God's blessings as He enables us to serve Him.

- *Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen. (Eph. 3:20-21 ESV)*

***Jesus Anointed at Bethany***

Mark 14:3-11

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### Small Group Discussion Questions

1. In this week's text, we noticed Judas' outright greed and betrayal contrasted with the woman's generous adoration. How are we sometimes tempted to betray Jesus? Is it ever worth it to trade him away for the temporary pleasure of "30 pieces of silver" (Matt 26:14-16), whatever that might look like for us? How does the gospel guard our hearts against such temptations?
2. We also noticed the subtler temptation to trade away the adoration of Jesus for good and noble things, like helping the poor. While the Scriptures are filled with commands to help the poor (Lev 19:9-10; 25:35; Deut 15:7-11; Prov 14:31; 22:9; Matt 5:42; Acts 20:35; 1 Jn 3:17), the Bible also suggests there is a time for all things (Eccl 3:1-8). Why was it more important for the woman in our text to use all of her expensive ointment on Jesus rather than selling it and giving the funds to the poor? What are some good, selfless, and benevolent things we might be tempted to do on a Sunday morning rather than adore Christ, together? How does the gospel guard our hearts against this subtler temptation?
3. The very first question in the Westminster Shorter Catechism asks, "What is the chief end of man?" The two-part answer: "Man's chief end is to glorify God (1 Cor 10:31; Rom 11:36), and to enjoy him forever (Ps 73:25-28)." How does the anonymous woman in today's text illustrate this for us? How does today's text encourage you in your own adoration of Christ?

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**Next Week:** Mark 14:22-25