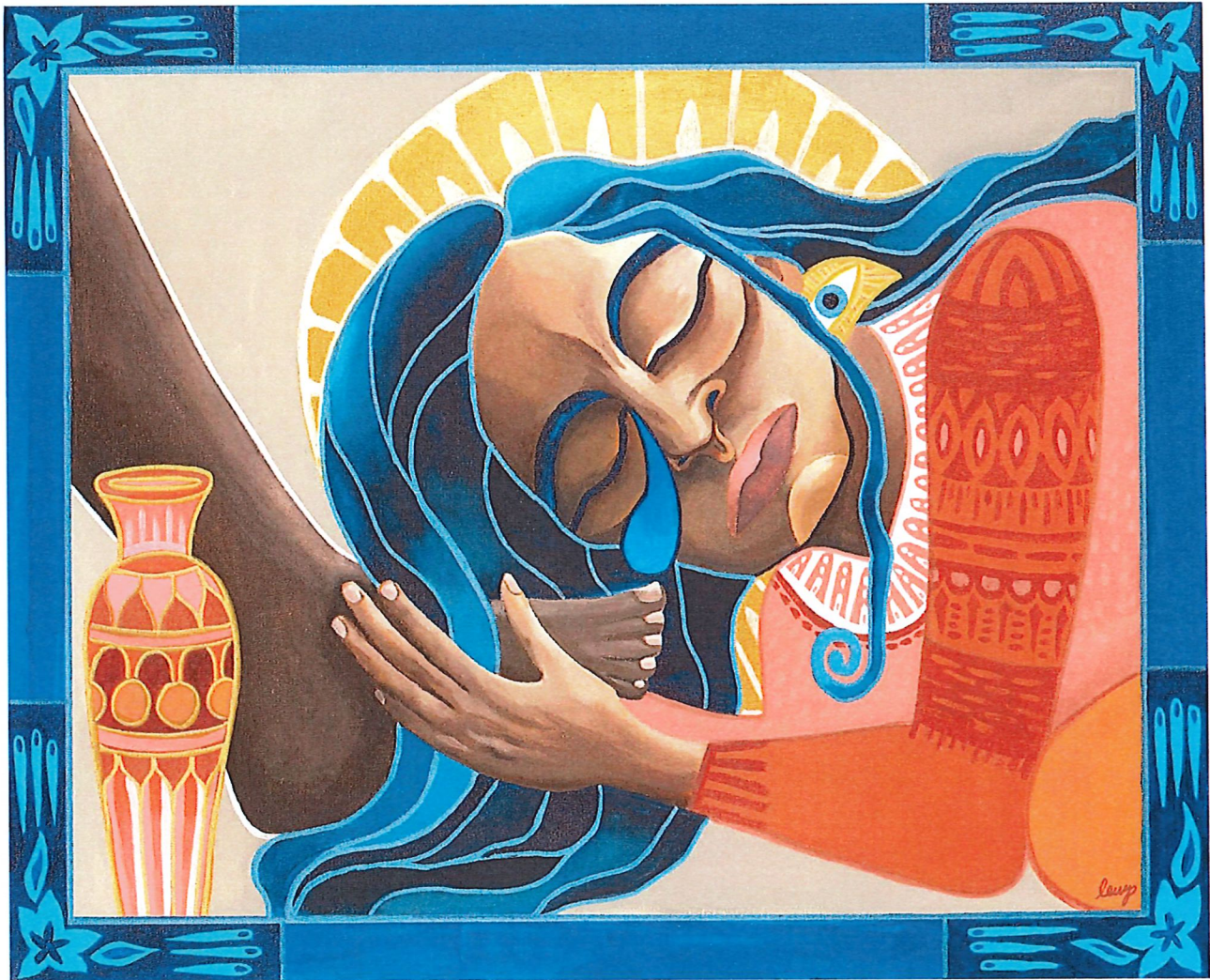




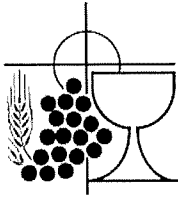
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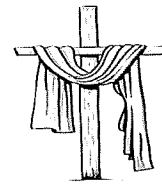


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The First Baptist Church at Worship
FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT
COMMUNION SUNDAY
April 6, 2025 ~ 10:00 AM



THE PRELUDE

Gregory Land, Organist

- O Man, Bewail Thy Grievous Sin J. S. Bach
- When Jesus Wept William Billings
- O Sacred Head, Now Wounded “Passion Chorale”
Hans Leo Hassler (1564-1612); setting by Anna Laura Page
- Were You There? Traditional Spiritual
setting by Virginia Halberg

In Praise to the Lord

THE RINGING OF THE CHIMES

A three-fold ringing of three signifies the presence of the triune God:
Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit.

CHORAL INTROIT

Chancel Choir

My Tribute Andraé Crouch

*To God be the glory for the things He has done.
With His blood He has saved me, with His power he has raised me,
to God be the glory for the things He has done.*

WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. David Coggins

*OPENING HYMN

#315 *Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above*
MIT FREUDEN ZART

Deuteronomy 32:3 was the basis for this hymn of praise – “For I will proclaim the name of the Lord; ascribe greatness to our God!” Using a variety of metaphors for God and for God’s works, this text overflows with proclamations of God’s loving care.

Listening for the Word of God

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

Barry Schlaile, Leader

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us this day. Amen.

PSALTER LESSON: Psalm 126

Barry Schlaile

¹When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,
we were like those who dream.

² Then our mouth was filled with laughter
and our tongue with shouts of joy;
then it was said among the nations,
"The Lord has done great things for them."

³ The Lord has done great things for us,
and we rejoiced.

⁴ Restore our fortunes, O Lord,
like the watercourses in the Negeb.

⁵ May those who sow in tears
reap with shouts of joy.

⁶ Those who go out weeping,
bearing the seed for sowing,
shall come home with shouts of joy,
carrying their sheaves.

Leader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People: Thanks be to God!

*GOSPEL LESSON: John 12:1-11

Lottie Tyson

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord according to John.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ!

12 Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. ² There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those reclining with him. ³ Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus's feet, and wiped them^[a] with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. ⁴ But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, ⁵ "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" ⁶ (He said this not because he cared about the poor but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) ⁷ Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. ⁸ You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

⁹ When the great crowd of the Jews learned that he was there, they came not only because of Jesus but also to see Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. ¹⁰ So the chief priests planned to put Lazarus to death as well, ¹¹ since it was on account of him that many of the Jews were deserting and were believing in Jesus.

Leader: For the Word of God in Scripture, for the Word of God among us,
for the Word of God within us.

People: Thanks be to God!

*FELLOWSHIP HYMN

#605 *And Can It Be*
SAGINA

"And Can It Be That I Should Gain?" is a Christian hymn written by Charles Wesley. This hymn is considered one of the best-loved of Wesley's six thousand hymns, written in 1738 to celebrate Wesley's conversion to Christianity.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rev. Kate Bradley

(Children are invited to come forward for the Children's Message during the last stanza of the fellowship hymn. All kids 3 years and older are invited to go downstairs (Room 4) after the Children's Message for a "One Room Sunday School" class. Parents are asked to pick up their children after service.)

CALL TO PRAYER

#365 v.1 *More Love to Thee, O Christ*
MORE LOVE TO THEE

**More love to Thee, O Christ, more love to Thee!
Hear Thou the prayer I make on bended knee, this is my earnest plea:
more love, O Christ, to Thee, more love to Thee, more love to Thee!**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Dr. Kent Berghuis

ANTHEM

Chancel Choir

A Thankful Heart John Purifoy

*Lord giver of gifts, accept our humble prayer, for the treasures, unseen, for your blessings everywhere.
For friendship, for hope, for the glory of each new day. Help us be mindful we pray, a thankful heart,
a heart full of praise to you. A thankful heart, a heart full of gratitude. We worship you in reverence for
who you are, that we might live each day with a thankful heart. To taste and to see, to touch your beauty,
for gifts of the heart, for peace and for family, for seasons of skies for the secrets within the soul, help us
to learn, and to know. A thankful heart, a heart full of praise to you, a thankful heart, a heart full of
gratitude. We worship you in reverence for who you are that we might live each day with a thankful heart.
Grant us the eyes that will look to you with thankfulness for all you do, a thankful heart, a heart full of
praise to you a thankful heart, a heart full of gratitude. We worship you in reverence for who you are that
we might live each day with a thankful heart.*

SERMON

Rev. Jason Alspaugh

"Mary's Gift"

Holy Communion

INVITATION TO THE TABLE
PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Rev. Dr. Berghuis

SHARING OF THE BREAD

#455 v.1 *Here, at Your Table, Lord*
BREAD OF LIFE

**Here, at your table, Lord, this sacred hour, O let us feel you near, in loving power,
calling our thoughts away from self and sin, as to Your banquet hall we enter in.**

SHARING OF THE CUP

#455 v.2 *Here, at Your Table, Lord*
BREAD OF LIFE

**Come then, O holy Christ, feed us, we pray; touch with Your pierced hand each common day,
making this earthly life full of your grace, till, in the home of heaven, we find our place.**

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING &
THE LORD'S PRAYER (Debts & Debtors)

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 debts,
as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever. Amen.

The Response of God's People

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

#184 *Beneath the Cross of Jesus*
ST. CHRISTOPHER

In the first stanza of this hymn, the cross is depicted as a desert oasis – a stop along the way where we can recover from the stress of life. The second stanza reminds us of the great cost of that oasis – Jesus suffered and died a tortuous death because of His great love for us – and how little we are worth in comparison. The last stanza echoes what Paul wrote to the Philippians: “whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord.”

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

Rev. Alspaugh

CHORAL BENEDICTION

#523 *God Be With You*
GOD BE WITH YOU

*God be with you till we meet again! By His counsels guide, uphold you,
with His sheep securely fold you; God be with you till we meet again.*

POSTLUDE

Gregory Land

Fanfare and Recessional Douglas E. Wagner

(*) You're invited to rise in body or in spirit!

*Please drop off your offering and yellow card in the basket as you leave.
Thank you for supporting the ministry of the church!*

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to our worship service! If you are visiting, we would love to get to know you. Please fill out a yellow card with your contact information and a pastor will be happy to get in touch with you. Anyone is welcome to use these cards to communicate with our office and share prayer requests or other information, too. We have baskets for our offering and communication cards at our entrances/exits.

We continue to **livestream and video record** our Sunday worship service through our YouTube channel. This can be found at <https://www.youtube.com/> and look for First Baptist Church Dayton Ohio, or check our website (<http://www.fbcd Dayton.org/>).

Prayer for the Armed Forces

Almighty God, we commend to your gracious care all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad. Defend them day by day with your heavenly grace, strengthen them in their trials and temptations, give them courage to face the perils which beset them, and grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayers of the People

(If you have someone you'd like to add or remove, please let us know.)

Laura Bayless	Barbara Jett	Judy See
Clara Black	Karen Johnson	Roger Stephens
Jessica Blair	Carole Lasley	Anne Veghte
Gail Bowman	Gene Lee	Cynthia Whittaker
Don Brown	Vincent Liss	Williams Family
Linda Ginter-Brown	Tom McKenzie	Sharon Wingham
Gerald Busch	Lisa McMullen	
Mark Craig	Melissa Mikesell	<i>Military Duty:</i>
Pamela Cress	Tonya Mitchell & Family	Sebastian Ewald
Kerby Downs	Mary Ann Paloncy	Sunny Ewald
Lavanda Ferguson	Susan Parent	Brittany Kalbfleisch
Bill Harrell	Petry Family	Kyle Kline
Debbie Harshman	David See	Andy Wilson
Iglesia Bautista Dios Compasivo (El Salvador)		

Week of April 6 – 13

Sun. 6	10:00a	Worship Service with Communion
	11:15a	Coffee Fellowship
	11:30a	Sunday School for All Ages
Tue. 8	7:00p	DP Rehearsal (Dining Rm)
Wed. 9	6:00p	Lenten Study (CEC)
	6:30p	Board Meetings
	7:00p	Bach Society Rehearsal (Dining Rm)
Thu. 10	7:00p	Choir Rehearsal
Sun. 13	10:00a	Palm Sunday Worship Service
	11:15a	Palm Sunday Luncheon

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

Faith & Film in Lent

March 9 – April 6 @ 11:30am-12:15pm

1st Floor - Chapel

Led by Rev. Jason Alspaugh

Movie on April 6: *Flow* (2024)

2025 Lenten Study Opportunity

Wednesdays @ 6pm – March 19-April 9

Christ Episcopal Church (20 W First St)

Gathering in the Parish Hall

The soup supper is served at 6pm, and the program starts at 6:15pm.

Wednesday, April 9: "Jezebel the Harlot"

April Church Meetings

Board Meetings

Wednesday, April 9 @ 6:30pm

Executive Council

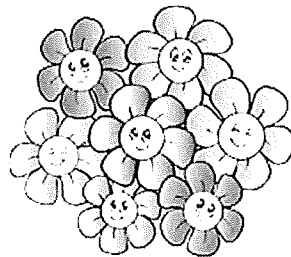
There will be no meeting in April.

COMMUNITY EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday, April 12 @ 2pm

Dorothy Lane American Baptist Church
960 W. Dorothy Lane, Kettering

Join our folks at DLABC for snacks, the Easter Story, and hunt for lots of eggs filled with lots of goodies. Bring your Easter basket to put your eggs in. They will also be collecting new, packaged underwear to donate to Underwear for All. They are a local non-profit that donates underwear to kids in the foster care system and also to people who are unhoused.



EASTER FLOWERS

Orders & Dedications

You are invited to share in the decoration of the sanctuary with spring flowers for Easter Sunday, April 20. A special insert on Easter Sunday will include names of donors and names of those in whose memory or honor a flower is given. A gift of \$20 is suggested. **Please turn in your order/dedication by Monday, April 14.** If you write a check, make it payable to First Baptist Church and please note 'Easter Flowers' on the memo line.

EASTER FLOWER ORDER / DEDICATION

(PLEASE PRINT)



Your Name(s): _____

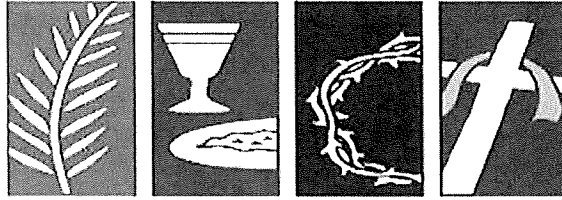
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Holy Week 2025



Palm Sunday – April 13

10am – Worship @ First Baptist Church of Dayton
11:15am – Palm Sunday Luncheon

Maundy Thursday – April 17

6:30pm - Agape Meal @ Christ Episcopal Church

Good Friday – April 18

Noon – Good Friday Walk for Justice & Peace
2pm – Soup Luncheon @ First Baptist Church of Dayton

On April 18 there will be a Good Friday Walk for Justice & Peace through Downtown Dayton from 12-2pm. This is an ecumenical witness for justice and peace issues based on the Stations of the Cross. The walk begins at Courthouse Square (Third & Main) and ends at First Baptist Church. Rain or shine, come for all or part. **Following the walk at approximately 2pm, First Baptist will invite participants to enter the church and into Fellowship Hall where there will be soup, crackers, and water prepared for them. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board asking for donations of soup (vegetarian options preferred) and/or help in other ways.**

Easter Sunday – April 20

10am – Worship @ First Baptist Church of Dayton
Flowering of the Cross | Special Music
(Bring some fresh cut flowers for the cross!)


Kettering Fairmont High School Presents

Les Misérables

SCHOOL EDITION

April 10-12

\$14 Adult
\$10 Student/Senior



Tickets @ ketteringmusic.org/tickets

Jadon See will be in
Fairmont High School's
production of
Les Misérables
on April 10-12, 2025!

Tickets are \$14 for adults
and \$10 for students/seniors

Get your tickets now at
ketteringmusic.org/tickets

Governor's Awards for the Arts

FBC Music Director, Dr. William Henry Caldwell, Award Recipient

The Governor's Awards for the Arts, Ohio's most prestigious biennial arts event, will take place at the Renaissance Columbus Downtown Hotel on **Wednesday, May 28 at 11:30 a.m.** This year, 10 Ohioans whose exceptional artistic contributions and achievements strengthen our state each and every day will be honored. Each award winner receives an original piece of artwork created specifically for the event by an Ohio artist and the opportunity to share their story with other arts supporters statewide.

Help to celebrate 60 years of public funding for the arts through the Ohio Arts Council through your ticket purchase. Individual tickets are available for \$60 per person via EventBrite: <https://tinyurl.com/nh2myu7>

Congratulations to the 2025 Governor's Awards Winners!

- **Zachary Thomas**, Arts Administration, Cleveland (Cuyahoga County)
- **Padma Chebrolu**, Arts Education (co-winner), Cincinnati (Hamilton County)
- **James Swearingen**, Arts Education (co-winner), Grove City (Franklin County)
- **Sara Jane DeHoff**, Arts Support (co-winner), Perrysburg (Wood County)
- **WYSO-FM**, Arts Support (co-winner), Yellow Springs (Greene County)
- **William Henry Caldwell**, Community Development & Participation (co-winner), Dayton (Montgomery County)
- **Artsbridge, Inc.**, Community Development & Participation (co-winner), Marietta (Washington County)
- **Gerardo Teissonnière**, Individual Artist, Cleveland (Cuyahoga County)
- **BLINK**, Irma Lazarus Award, Cincinnati (Hamilton County)
- **Charley Moses**, Special Recognition by the Ohio Arts Council Board, Dublin (Franklin County)



REBUILDING TOGETHER DAYTON National Rebuilding Day SATURDAY, APRIL 26, 2025

Submitted by Tim Holmen, Chair of FBC Board of Missions

You have an opportunity to participate in a mission board sponsored project called Rebuilding Together Dayton (RTD). This is a community project our church participates in each April. One of our church members, Amy Radachi, is the president of the organization that hosts this project. RTD is a non-profit organization serving low-income senior homeowners throughout Montgomery County. It began as a one day a year program in Dayton. Over the past 28 years, RTD has expanded to operate year-around and county-wide. Over 150 households are assisted annually with urgent home repairs and accessibility modifications. RTD work is proven to improve the health and safety of the home, allowing senior homeowners to continue aging in place. We have been participating in this project for several years. Last year, Connie and I helped with landscaping, and in previous years we assisted with painting. NOTE: You do not need to be a construction expert as there will be supervisors to direct work.

National Rebuilding Day is the annual flagship event for RTD. This year RTD is targeting the Edgemont, Miami Chapel, and Carillon neighborhoods where hundreds of volunteers will be assisting. Volunteers representing First Baptist Church have been asked to report to 768 Edgemont Avenue on Saturday, April 26th at 9:00 AM.

RTD staff need to know how many volunteers will be available from First Baptist Church so they can plan tasks for the volunteers. If you are willing and able to help, please sign the sheet on the table in the parlor where we meet after Sunday service, call the church office, or contact Tim Holmen. Thank you for considering this project!

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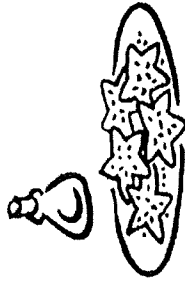
Good scents

God created a world filled with wonderful smells. Color the perfume bottle by each smell you like. What is your favorite smell?

Say a silent prayer thanking God for these things.



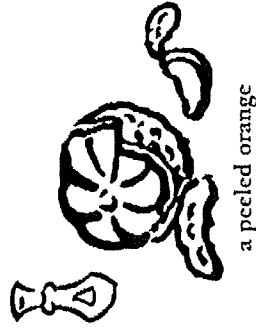
fresh flowers




freshly baked cookies



a campfire



a peeled orange

 Dear Jesus, have I told you lately that I love you?
I love you. Amen

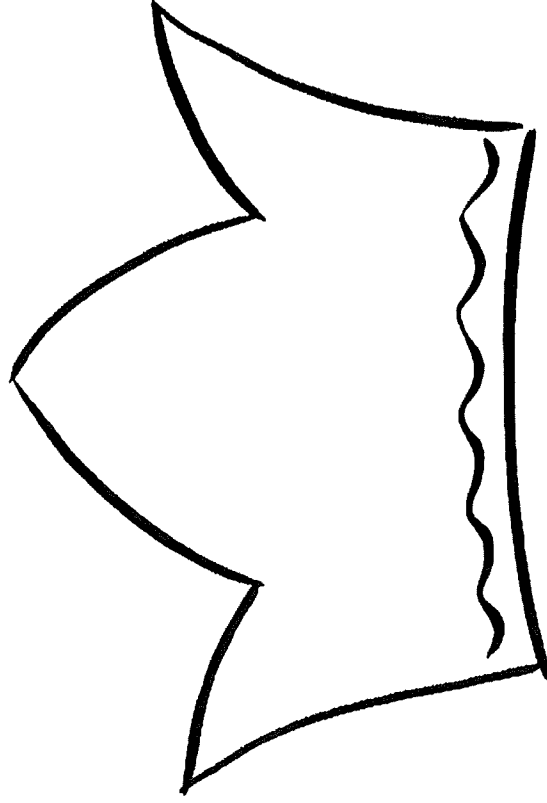
this week

When you smell something good, stop and smell it again. Then thank God for your nose.



gather

Welcome to worship. Today is the fifth Sunday in Lent. What color is the cloth on God's table (the altar)? Purple is the color for kings. Jesus is our king.



Decorate this crown for a king.

hear & celebrate

Mary shows her love for Jesus

John 12:1-8

Jesus had three good friends named Mary, Martha, and Lazarus. One night after dinner, Mary washed Jesus' feet with expensive perfume. She dried his feet with her hair. The house was filled with the smell of wonderful perfume. This is one way Mary showed her love for Jesus.

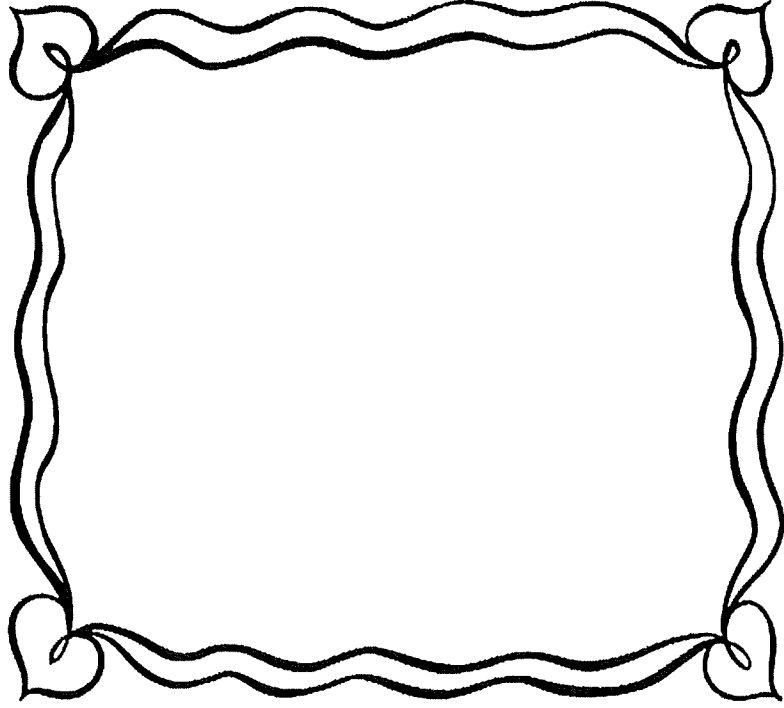
Find and circle these hidden objects:

- perfume jar
- communion cup
- crown
- heart
- cross



Showing our love for Jesus in worship

Mary told Jesus "I love you" by washing his feet. Trace your hand in this space. Inside the outline of each finger, write one thing we do in worship to show our love for Jesus.



Notice smells in worship today—flowers, bread, wine, incense, perfume.



**ARTIST REFLECTION FOR
SINGLE IMAGE LICENSE**

Anointed

By Lauren Wright Pittman

Acrylic on canvas

Inspired by John 12:1-8

When I was little, I would run around my grandparents' yard barefoot, playing tag, basketball, or intense battles of tetherball. All of the residue from my adventures would stick to the bottoms of my feet until they almost became one with the ground. I would come inside, and my grandmother would quickly call me to the bathroom so she could wipe my feet off with a warm washrag. I loved the feeling of the warm water against my feet, the texture of the washrag scratching away the grime of the day, and the hands of my grandmother lovingly squeezing my feet.

When I was preparing to paint this image, I propped my phone up against a wall, started recording, and knelt down on the ground pretending I was washing Jesus' feet. My face was close to the ground with all the dust and dog hair that clings to my rug and I began to run my fingers through my hair, washing an imaginary foot. My dog Rumi came over, plopped herself down in front of me, and I began to pretend wash her paws. I giggled to myself and called to my husband, asking if he'd lend his feet to the scene. I quickly said to him, "But please don't take your shoes off." I didn't want to experience his feet that close to my face; after all it was winter and feet tend to be a little more ripe after a long day in wooly socks. I began to rub my hair over his booted feet and I felt this profound sense of vulnerability and discomfort. The image of me kneeling as my husband sat in a comfortable chair was a difficult one for me to see reflected back at me on my phone. I wasn't even willing to fake wash my husband's bare feet. The amount of love it took to do this act willingly seems astronomical to me. I then asked my husband to take his shoes off. As I rubbed my hair on his feet I felt like crying.

This is the posture that Jesus calls all of us into; a profoundly uncomfortable, shockingly reverent position; coming face to face, intimately engaging with the residue of Christ's footsteps to smell and almost taste the journey of Christ.