

Welcome to . . .  
The Presbyterian Church of Saint David  
April 7, 2019

**Opening Responses:**

L> God of the past, God of our memories,

**ALL> We are here to thank you.**

L> God of the future, God of our dreams,

**ALL> We are here to trust you.**

L> God of the present, God of our salvation,

**ALL> We are here to praise you.**

**Hymn:** We praise you, O God 425

**Prayer:** (said together)

**O Lord, we remember with praise and adoration  
the ways in which you have brought your people  
from slavery to freedom  
from despair to hope  
from tears to laughter.**

**Especially when we feel dried up and our energy gone,  
we recall the times you have refreshed us and made us new,  
and we trust your power to renew us again.**

**We worship you in love and faith,  
through Jesus Christ who gave himself for us  
and who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God forever. Amen.**

**RESPONSE in Preparation for the Readings:**

L> Listen for the Word of the Lord;

**ALL> Our ears are open**

**The Word of God:** *Psalm 126*  
*John 12:1-8*

L> This is the Word of the Lord.

**ALL> Thanks be to God.**

**Reflection**

## Invitation

### Prayer of Thanksgiving & Blessing, Prayers for Others

## Communion

**Prayer:** (said together)

**Receive our love and thanksgiving  
for your extravagant gift of grace to us in Christ, O God.  
May we and all people learn to live  
in the light of your forgiveness and acceptance.  
May we and all people be guided in the way of  
righteousness, truth and peace, of faith, hope and love.  
May we and all people remember that we belong to you,  
that we are your beloved children,  
that we are brothers and sisters of one another.  
So may your kingdom come and all things be made new.  
In Jesus' name. Amen.**

**Hymn:** More love to thee

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**Closing Responses & Blessing:** [from *A Wee Worship Book*]

L> From where we are to where you need us

**ALL> Christ be beside us.**

L> From what we are to what you can make of us

**ALL> Christ be before us.**

L> From the mouthing of generalities  
to making signs of your kingdom.

**ALL> Christ be beneath us.**

L> Through the streets of this world to the gates of heaven,

**ALL> Christ be above us.**

L> The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding,  
guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

**ALL> Amen.**

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Psalm 126

<sup>1</sup>When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion,  
we were like those who dream.

<sup>2</sup>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.”

<sup>3</sup>The LORD has done great things for us,  
and we rejoiced.

<sup>4</sup>Restore our fortunes, O LORD,  
like the watercourses in the Negeb.

<sup>5</sup>May those who sow in tears  
reap with shouts of joy.

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

### **John 12:1-8**

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. <sup>2</sup>There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. <sup>3</sup>Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. <sup>4</sup>But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, <sup>5</sup>“Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?” <sup>6</sup>(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.) <sup>7</sup>Jesus said, “Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. <sup>8</sup>You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.”