

## THE SCENT OF EASTER

Easter is near, so close—can you smell it coming?  
The aroma of baking bread,  
the smell of the love feast soup,  
fragrant vapors of grape juice in a cup.  
The scent of the palm fronds,  
the memory of olive trees, pungent and strong,  
sensing the sweat of the Savior as he prays  
and the soldiers as they march into the garden.  
After the perfumed palace,  
the sour smell of vinegar offered on a cross.  
Time passes over.  
Dawn brings  
a whiff of cold and damp at an empty tomb.  
Then,  
the fragrance of the flowers—  
OVERPOWERING  
(proclaiming without words)  
“GOD LIVES!”

### BENEDICTION

Let the fragrance of faith,  
*the aroma of hope,*  
the perfume of love  
*fill our lives and this world,*  
through the power of Jesus Christ.  
Amen.

—Melanie Jones, pastor  
Carlisle Church of the Brethren  
Carlisle, Pennsylvania

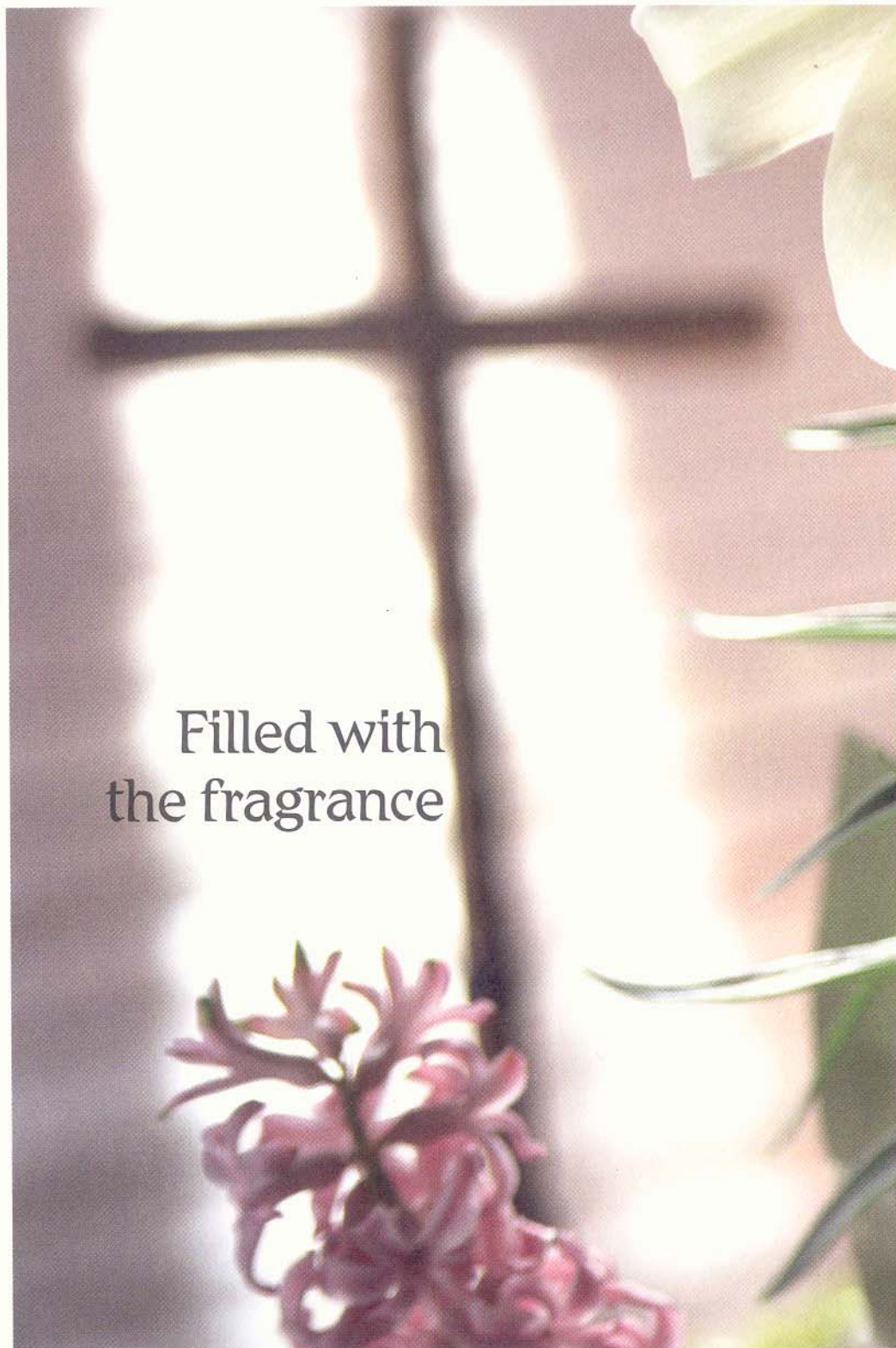
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### Text for Today

**John 12:1-8 (3)**

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. 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.

CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN LIVING WORD BULLETIN 3407



Filled with  
the fragrance



Sheldon Church of the Brethren  
Ministers - All Members  
March 25, 2007  
**FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**  
9:30 a.m. Worship



## GATHERING MUSIC

## GREETING/ANNOUNCEMENTS/SPECIAL DAYS

## PRELUDE/LIGHT CANDLES

\* GATHERING HYMN #41 *Come, Thou Almighty King*

\*UNISON CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 126

When 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." The Lord has done great things for us, and we rejoiced. Restore our fortunes, O Lord, like the watercourses in the Negeb. May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy. Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves.

\*UNISON INVOCATION

Lord, your honor and your glory are all around us. The seasons praise you, the newborn creatures who signal the spring praise you, the skies praise you, the winds praise you. We come this morning to praise you as well, in our singing, in our speaking, in our praying. We will also speak in our silence, knowing you hear those things that are too strongly felt for words. As you plan this new thing in our midst, this resurrection that we have heard of many times, but which we have never heard of clearly until now, challenge us to be receptive to your leadings and your longings for us. Amen.

READING Isaiah 43:16-21

PRAISE HYMN #66 *O Worship the King*

READING Philippians 3:4b-14

SPECIAL MUSIC Carl and Alina Douglas

CHILDREN'S TIME (Gathering Song: *Jesus Loves the Little Children*)

OFFERTORY HYMN # 383 *God, Whose Giving*

## TITHES AND OFFERINGS

\*DOXOLOGY #119

\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (in unison)

Lord, there are those who criticized the offering to your Son and our Savior. There are those who criticize our offering as well. One of our offerings is the way we care for each other through the body of Christ. You recognize many gifts among the body of Christ, and we praise you for every opportunity we have to give. Bless our offerings today. Amen.

## SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER HYMN #340 *'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus*

PASTORAL PRAYER Pray For: Cando, ND Church

Praying For Us: Adel Panther Creek Church

SCRIPTURE John 12:1-8

MESSAGE "An Anointing"

## PRAYER OF BLESSING ON THE WORD

\*CLOSING #399 *Now Go Forward (read in unison)*

\*BENEDICTION (back of bulletin)

\*THREEFOLD AMEN #382 (sing)

\* - Please Stand, if you are able

## **Anniversaries and Birthdays for March**

### *Anniversaries*

14 - Ross & Sandi Cox

Sheena Rolston

16 - Ross Cox

### *Birthdays*

06 - Alisha Dumar

26 - Lynn Rolfsmeier

Gerald Jans

Joshua Van Roekel

Kevin Rolston

09 - Reese Elder

13 - Alexis Peterson

Ray Rolston

Many happy returns of the day of thy birth. May sunshine and gladness be given and may the Dear Father prepare thee on earth for a beautiful birthday in heaven.

## **Church Events**

### **Welcome!**

We welcome Rev. Lucinda Douglas to our worship service this morning.

Welcome to all visitors and guests. May you receive God's blessing from today's service, and go out and witness for Him!

### **Adult Sunday School**

Please join us for adult Sunday School. We use the *Serindipity Bible For Groups* with a Bible study format. This week continues the subject "Business Ethics: A Christian in a Down and Dirty World". Today's topic is "Integrity and Authority" (Mark 12:13-17). All are WELCOME!

### **Meals On Wheels**

Our church will be delivering meals during the week of March 26-30. Sign-up sheets are available on the entryway table.

### **Spring Council Meeting**

The spring council meeting is planned for Sunday, April 29, following worship service.

## **Community Events**

**April 6** - Good Friday Passion Play in the Sibley-Ocheyedan Community High School Auditorium at 5, 7 and 9 p.m. For free tickets call 712-754-3715.

**April 14** - Love INC of Greater Sheldon celebrates "His Love In Action", 6:30 pm at the Village Wansink Center. Join us for an evening of food and entertainment as we hold our third annual meeting. RSVP 324-2130.

## **Guest Speakers**

Apr. 1 - Rev. David Loveall (No Communion)

Apr. 5 - Love Feast

Apr. 8 - Rev. David Loveall (Easter)

Apr. 14 & 15 - Rev. Tim Button-Harrison

Apr. 22 - Don Adkins

Apr. 29 - Pete Aberson

May 6 - Rev. David Loveall (Communion)

May 13 - Rev. Don Lenderink

May 20 -

May 27 - Pete Aberson

June 3 - Rev. David Loveall (Communion)

June 10 -

June 17 -

June 24 -

## **SERVING THE CONGREGATION SUNDAY, March 25:**

Message

Children's Message

Music

Special Music

Ushers

Adult Sunday School

Children's Sunday School

Rev. Lucinda Douglas

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Marcene Cox

Alina and Carl Douglas

Mark and Scott

Linda Adams

Ann Maggert and Sandi Cox

## **SERVING THE CONGREGATION SUNDAY, April 1:**

Message

Children's Message

Music

Ushers

Adult Sunday School

Children's Sunday School

Rev. David Loveall

Marcene Cox

Jill Dykstra

Mark and Alan

Marcene Cox

Ann Maggert and Sandi Cox

## **PRAYER REMINDERS**

Our Congregation & Children

Arline English

Linda Beal

United Christians International

Those Serving in the Military

Living Peace Church of the

Reaching Out to Our Community

Yvonne Rohlfson

Ann Evans

Jean Jean & Kristie

Molly Dagel

Brethren in Sioux City

## **OUR CHURCH**

Worship Service . . . . . 9:30am

Christian Education (Sept.-May) .10:50 am

Communion

1st Sunday of Each Month

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