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### Worship Participants

Rev. Dr. Elizabeth E. Broschart, Heather Perryman, C. B. Strange, Kathy Dolianitis, Randy Brooks, Kim Meadows and Barry Cutright

Today we welcome Cameron Grimes as our guest cellist.

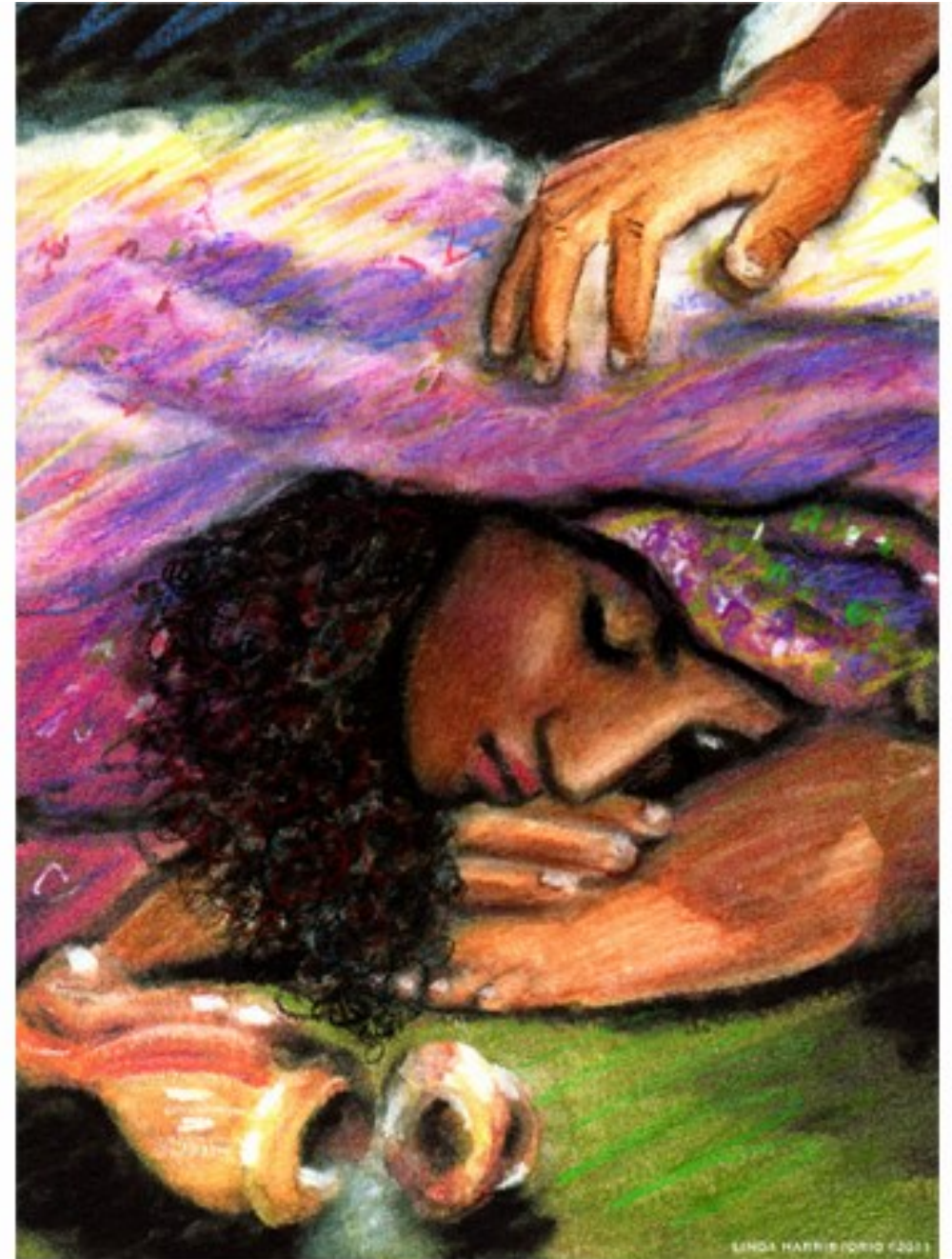
### Tithes and Offerings

#### Prayer of Dedication/Offering

You lift us to our feet so we can walk with you, Loving God, and you fill us with your gifts so we may pour them out for those around us. Take what we offer and use them in that kingdom work which strengthens the weary, feeds the hungry, and gives hope to the despairing. Amen.

Please place your tithes and offerings in the offering plates at the front of the Sanctuary as you enter or leave.

*The flowers are given in loving memory of Ted Argyrakís  
by Pat and their children.*



"The Alabaster Box" the woman began to wash Jesus's feet with her tears, then she wiped them with her hair, kissed them and poured perfume on them. Luke 7:38

# First Presbyterian Church

March 14, 2021

As the chimes ring in the worship hour, we invite people to enter a time of personal reflection and congregational worship. \*\*\*Please note: There will be no congregational singing.

## Welcome and Invocation

**Prelude**      *"Suite 1 for unaccompanied Cello BWV 1007: Sarabande"* J.S. Bach  
Cameron Grimes, cellist

**Crossing the Threshold**      "Enter the Story"

**Enter**  
**Enter the passion**  
**Enter the place we belong**  
**Not just looking on**  
**For this is *our* passion**  
**Enter the passion**

**Hymn**      *"Worthy Of Worship"*      York/Blankenship

**A Time of Reflection**  
**It is so hard to not be afraid.**  
**Sometimes our fear makes us less compassionate,**  
**and more judgmental.**  
**We think we can ward off getting hurt by holding back,**  
**unwilling to risk putting ourselves out there for the sake of love.**  
**Forgive us, O God.**  
**Encourage us to extravagant acts of love,**  
**especially when we are frightened.**  
**You entered our story through Jesus,**  
**now help us to enter fully into the story**  
**of your kingdom on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.**

## Assurance of Pardon

Know this: There is no limit on love.

Love doesn't run out,  
and you can start giving more of it anytime.

You are forgiven and freed,  
encouraged and loved

by a God who wants you to live fully.

**Telling the Story Through the Eyes of a Child**

*Mark 14: 3-9*  
Kathy Dolianitis

**Listening for the Story**

*Psalm 23*

**Anthem**      *"The Alabaster Jar"*

**Scripture Reading**

*Mark 1: 29-39*

***Dwelling in the Story***

**Prayers of the People**

**Turn your eyes upon Jesus**  
**Look full on his wonderful face**  
**And the things of earth will grow strangely dim**  
**In the light of his glory and grace**

**Sermon**      "Risking Rejection"

**Hymn**      *"More Love to Thee, O Christ"*      **GTG#828**

**Postlude**      *"Suite 1 for unaccompanied Cello BWV 1007: Minuet 1 & 11"* J. S. Bach  
Cameron Grimes, cellist

**Benediction**

## **Worthy of Worship**

Worthy of worship, worthy of praise, worthy of honor and glory;  
Worthy of all the glad songs we can sing, worthy of all of the off'rings we bring.

### Refrain

Your are worthy, Father, Creator. You are worthy, Savior, Sustainer.  
Your are worthy, worthy and wonderful;  
Worthy of worship and praise.

Worthy of rev'rence, worthy of fear, worthy of love and devotion;  
Worthy of bowing and bending of knees, worthy of all this and added to these...

### Refrain

Almighty Father, Master and Lord, King of all kings and Redeemer,  
Wonderful Counselor, Comforter, Friend,  
Savior and Source of our life without end.

### Refrain

## **More Love to Thee, O Christ**

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!

Once earthly joy I craved, sought peace and rest.  
Now Thee alone I seek; give what is best.  
This all my prayer shall be: more love, O Christ, to thee;  
more love to thee, more love to thee!

Then shall my latest breath whisper Thy praise;  
this be the parting cry my heart shall raise.  
This still its prayer shall be: more love, O Christ, to thee;  
more love to thee, more love to thee!