

For young worshipers:  
In this picture, the sister named Martha is upset. She wants her sister, Mary, to help her. Mary is not helping because she is listening to Jesus. In the picture, which one is Martha? Why do you think so?



*Martha welcomed Jesus, and made him feel at home in her house.  
Martha had a sister, Mary, who sat with Jesus, and listened to him carefully.  
Martha was distracted with the duties of hosting. Martha interrupted Jesus and Mary and said, "Master don't you care that my sister has left me to serve alone?  
Tell her to lend me a hand!"* Luke 10:38-42

## *Service for the Lord's Day*

### **Celebrating the Gifts of Women**

**March 3, 2024**

### *Gathering Around the Word*

**Gathering Music**

Ruth Brown

**Striking of the Hour**

**Welcome**

**Prelude**

*Come Thou Fount of Ev'ry Blessing*  
Beth Pope, piano

arr. Mark Hayes

*All who are able may stand*

**Call to Worship:** *(Congregational response in bold)*

Based on Ps. 34:1-4,7-8,14

I will bless the Lord at all times.

**God's praise shall continually be in my mouth.**

My soul makes its boast in the Lord;

**let the humble hear and be glad.**

O magnify the Lord with me,

**and let us exalt God's name together.**

I sought the Lord and was answered.

**God delivered me from all my fears;**

the angel of the Lord encamps

**around those who fear God and delivers them.**

O taste and see that the Lord is good;

**happy are those who take refuge in God.**

Depart from evil, and do good;

**See peace and pursue it.**

**Opening Hymn 386**

*Come, Worship God*  
Verses 1, 4

O QUANTA QUALIA

**Call to Confession**

Search us, O God, and know our hearts; test us and know our thoughts.  
See if there is any hurtful way in us, and lead us in the way everlasting.

We ask to be forgiven so that we can come to God's holy Word in purity.

**Prayer of Adoration and Confession (Unison)**

**Great God of life, whose love steadfastly endures, who like a mother will not forsake us — her children: hear our praise and prayer today. We have too easily taken your love for granted. We have let your tender guidance go unheeded. We have ignored your quiet and gentle presence, and we have failed to be gentle ourselves. For these and all our sins we ask you to forgive us. From your boundless grace give us the opportunity to change our ways. Teach us to live according to your will, always responsive to your Word, alive in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

*A period of silence is observed for personal confession*

**Declaration of Good News**

**Passing of the Peace**

As we greet the Lord, we greet one another in His name.

Lord, who may dwell in your house or on your holy hill?

***Hearing the Word***

*All Sit*

**Prayer for Illumination**

The person who belongs with the Lord is someone who is comfortable keeping the Lord's commandments and with seeing the Lord's desire for the world completed.

**Psaltery Reading**

Psalm 15

Lord, who may abide in your tent? Who may dwell on your holy hill?  
Whoever leads a blameless life and does the thing which is right, who speaks the truth from their heart, and has not slandered with the tongue;  
He that has done no evil to his fellow nor vented abuse against his neighbor.  
In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they make much of those that fear the Lord;  
They are true to their neighbors and will not go back on a promise;  
They do not put money to usury nor take bribes against the innocent.  
Whoever does these things shall never be overthrown.

**Anthem**

*God is Our Refuge, God is Our Strength*

Kenneth L. Morrison

*All Stand*

**Gospel Reading**

Luke 10:38-42

**Mary Sits and Listens; Martha Serves**

Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

We identify with Martha, who works hard, but the figure of Mary in the story teaches us something about the Christian Life, too.

*All Sit*

**Sermon**

*Serving Christ by Hand and Heart*

Lisa Richards

## *Responding to the Word*

*All Stand*

**Response Hymn 324**

*For All the Faithful Women*

NYLAND

Verses 1, 3, 4

### **Affirmation of Faith**

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, the Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord: Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell. The third day He arose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*All Sit*

### **Litany of Gratitude and Celebration** (For Gifts of Women Sunday)

Today we celebrate the blessing of God calling women at all stages of life, from diverse backgrounds, and in all circumstances. We celebrate God's gifts bestowed upon us, and all for the common good. We are grateful...

**For women of all ages who serve God and neighbor on committees, as church members and church leaders. We are grateful...**

For young women, tweens and teens who serve, and for advisors who mentor and listen, holding space open for their growth in wisdom and in grace.

**We celebrate and give thanks to God!**

For women who work toward a more just world, one free of bias, discrimination, and poverty. We are grateful...

For women entrepreneurs, homemakers, students, and volunteers who partner and lead, who sit on decision-making sessions, or serve as deacons.

**We celebrate and give thanks to God!**

For congregations, and organizations that advocate for and empower women and men.

**We give thanks to God for their service and their love in action!**

For our foremothers, trailblazers, role models, and mentors.

We celebrate and give thanks to God!

**Alleluia! Thanks be to God!**

### **Offering**

#### **Offertory**

*How Beautiful*

Twila Paris

Beth Pope, vocal     Wayne Pope, guitar

#### **Doxology**

*Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

#### **Prayers of Thanksgiving**

## Sealing the Word in the Sacrament

All Sit

### The Lord's Supper

*Invitation to the Lord's Table*

*Great Prayer of Thanksgiving*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

.... Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

**Sanctus**

*Sanctus*

*Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of power and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry.*

*Ho-san-na in the high-est.*

*Bless-ed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.*

*Ho-san-na in the high-est, ho-san-na in the high-est.*

You are holy, O God of majesty... ..Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever. **Amen.**

**Hymns at Communion 510**

*We Gather Here*

DIVERNON

**507**

*Come to the Table of Grace*

TABLE OF GRACE

**518**

*Your Only Son*

LAMB OF GOD

*The congregation is invited to sing as communion is being served.*

Wayne Pope, vocal/guitar

### Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

**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**

### *Bearing and Following the Word into the Created World*

**Closing Hymn 331**

*God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand*  
Verses 1, 2, 4

NATIONAL HYMN

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

*O Lord, You're Beautiful*  
Beth Pope, piano

Keith Green

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### WELCOME VISITORS!

*We invite you to pick up visitor's information on your way out, either in the narthex or on the table on the Right in the downstairs entrance hall. Ushers will be standing by to help you find them. Always know that a cordial greeting is extended by ministers, officers, and congregation.*

## *Announcements*

**WORSHIP LEADER:** Dr. Rev. Shannon Craigo-Snell

**SERMON:** Lisa Richards

**USHERS:** The Kernohan and Hines Families

**COLLEGIATE ENSEMBLE:** Wyatt Edmunds, Hailey Goodwin, Darcy Merriman, Jeremiah Simpson, Johnna Smith

**LAY READER:** Kathleen Gildersleeve

**MEDIA PERSONNEL:** David Clarke, Lillan Hargesheimer

**NURSERY:** Alisia Simmons, Yamilet Bruno Sanchez, Hailey Gadberry

**LECTIONARY FOR SUNDAY March 11:** Numbers 21:4–9; Psalm 107:1–3, 17–22; Ephesians 2:1–10; John 3:14–21.

### **TODAY**

**TODAY, IN CELEBRATING THE GIFTS OF WOMEN, WE WELCOME IN WORSHIP the Rev. Dr. Shannon Craigo-Snell and Lisa Richards:**

**Rev. Dr. Shannon Craigo-Snell** joined the Louisville Seminary faculty in 2011 as a constructive systematic theologian. She earned degrees (PhD, MPhil, MA, and MDiv) at Yale University and Yale Divinity School. From 2001 to 2011 Craigo-Snell taught in the Religious Studies department at Yale University, where she also earned several Yale fellowships and professional research grants. Her students have included undergraduates with diverse religious backgrounds in the secular context of the University; denominationally diverse Divinity School students; and doctoral students in religious studies. In 2014 Craigo-Snell was ordained to the Office of Teaching Elder in the Presbyterian Church (USA). Her writing spans a similar scope of interdisciplinary diversity. In addition to several articles for journals such as *The Ecumenist*, *Quaker Religious Thought*, *Jump Cut* and *Modern Theology*, she has written *The Empty Church: Theater, Theology, and Bodily Hope* (Oxford University Press, 2014); *Silence, Love, and Death: Saying Yes to God in the Theology of Karl Rahner* (Marquette University Press, 2008); and *Living Christianity: A Pastoral Theology for Today* (Fortress, 2009) with Shawntea Monroe.

**Lisa Richards** was raised in Franklin Tn. She now lives in Bowling Green with her husband Dr. Dave Richards. They have 3 adult children. Lisa is the Leader of Bible Study Fellowship. If you're not aware of this organization, BSF is a Christian interdenominational fellowship of lay people offering a structured bible study. The mission is global, in-depth Bible classes producing passionate commitments to Christ, His Word and His Church. Their vision is to magnify God and mature His people as they cultivate a deeper relationship with Him. Lisa has been involved in this organization for almost 30 years.

**IN OUR LENTEN STUDY** of *Draw the Circle - Taking the 40-Day Prayer Challenge*, the author, Pastor Mark Batterson tells us to "pray like it depends on God and work like it depends on us." He encourages us to draw a circle and form a circle - a prayer circle. Come join us at 6:05 on Wednesday evenings for a home cooked meal, a short video clip of Pastor Mark talking about prayer, a brief discussion time, and a closing prayer. We now have a few more copies of the book in the office, but you do not have to read the book to participate. **Our Menu** for Lenten Dinner on March 6: Chicken Cordon Bleu casserole, broccoli with lemon and garlic, glazed carrots, chocolate lava cake and ice cream. Please call the church office and let us know you will join us for dinner.

**THE AFTER CHURCH EATING OUT GROUP** will meet at El Mazatlan, 600 US-31W Bypass this Sunday. We will enjoy fun fellowship and great Mexican food. Everyone is welcome!

### **COMING UP:**

**YOUTH EVENT** On March 17th we will have a joint downtown youth board game night at Christ Episcopal Church. We will meet from 4:30-6:30pm at Christ Episcopal. We are hoping this will be the first of many joint events we will have together. If you would like more information, speak to David Clarke.

**SESSION HAS CALLED A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** for Sunday, March 17 for the purpose of presenting the approved budget to the congregation. The meeting will take place at the end of the worship service on that day.

**OUR EASTER EGG HUNT** will be on March 30th at Sandy Franklin's house (1740 Greenview Lane). We'll need lots of candy and desserts for our cake walk. If you would like to bring any donations (either desserts or candy) please bring them to the office. If you would like more information, speak to David Clarke. The event will begin at 10:30am.

**HOLY WEEK EVENTS: DATES AND TIMES:** **Maundy Thursday** will be on March 28. We will have a Maundy Thursday worship service in the Sanctuary at 7:00pm. On Friday, March 29<sup>th</sup> you may join us for Good Friday worship at 12:00 noon. Also, our **Easter Egg Hunt** is planned for Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup> at the Franklin Farm (1740 Greenview Lane) at 10:30am. Plan to join us for these Lenten season events! On **Easter morning** our Easter Worship will be at our regular time of 10:30am in the Sanctuary. There will not be a sunrise service held this year. Also look for information coming soon on the community noon worship service downtown (still being organized).

**CECELIA MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH** We are now accepting donations for our **Spring Giveaway** (May 25<sup>th</sup>). Any items that you can definitely live without, please let me know. Arrangements can be made to pick them up, we can meet you at a church, or you can drop smaller items off at your church office. Please contact Lovelyn at [lovelynab@yahoo.com](mailto:lovelynab@yahoo.com), or [ceceliamemorial1234@outlook.com](mailto:ceceliamemorial1234@outlook.com). You may call her at 619-368-2103 or 270/935-5110 for more information. Any donation is appreciated. Thanks in advance.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES begin at 9:15am.**

- Preschool taught by Jimmy and Betsy Tyrie
- Godly Play taught by Mary Evans – Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade
- Middle and high school taught by David Clarke
- The Coffee and Conversation Class offers book study for adults with rotating leadership
- A Bible study class that is currently focusing on God's Big Picture and coordinated by Julia Roberts

**OTHER NEWS:**

**CURRENT ART EXHIBIT** Our own Bob Love, professional artist, has hung a sample of his artwork in the fellowship hall. You will enjoy browsing this exhibit, which will hang for until March 21st. Be sure to check it out!

**CHECK OUT OUR UPDATED WEBSITE** Visit [www.bgpres.org](http://www.bgpres.org) to check out the new website, which is now live with a brand new look, and a fresh experience for everyone who visits it for info and updates on our church and activities.

**PLC ENROLLMENT FOR NEXT YEAR** is now open for 2, 3, and 4 year olds. If you or someone you know is interested in preschool classes for children, please reach out to PLC director Kimberly Watkins ([plcdirector@bgpres.org](mailto:plcdirector@bgpres.org)) or visit our website to check on enrollments and classes.

**ATTENDANCE REGISTERS** Tell us you're here, please! There are **navy blue notebooks** at the inside aisle end of every pew. Please write your name and any other information you'd like the church to have so we can better communicate with you. Then pass the notebook to your neighbors in the pew so they can sign in, too. After everyone has signed, please pass the notebook back to the inside aisle, so others in the pew can learn your name. Please also sign up for Wednesday evening dinners during Lent on the register!

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**Calendar**

**Sunday, March 3**

8:30 a.m. Fellowship  
9:15 a.m. Sunday School  
9:15 a.m. Children's Music  
10:30 a.m. Worship  
12:00 p.m. Eating Out Sm. Group  
5:00 p.m. Youth Group

**Monday, March 4**

9:00 a.m. GOD/DOG is Love

**Tuesday, March 5**

9:30 a.m. Chair Yoga  
11:00 a.m. Special Care  
5:00 p.m. Deacons

**Wednesday, March 6**

7:00 a.m. Breakfast Group (Teresa's)  
5:00 p.m. Chancel Choir  
6:05 p.m. Lenten Dinner & Program

**Thursday, March 7**

6:00 p.m. DRITI  
7:00 p.m. Neighborhood Group

**Friday, March 8**

7:30 a.m. Mens' Breakfast (Lisa's)

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