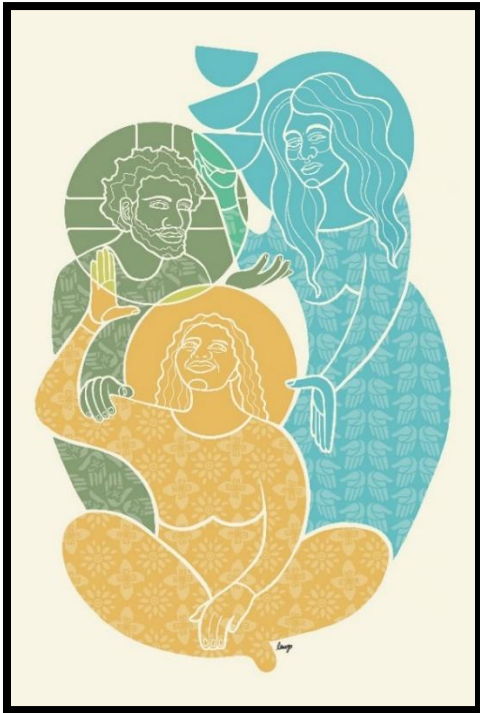




Second Sunday of Lent *Mary & Martha host Jesus*



Mary & Martha
Lauren Wright Pittman
-Digital painting

Martha's work was not limited to cooking and cleaning; the Greek word used for her many tasks ... also means "service, ministering, and promoting religion." With this layered meaning in mind, it is clear to me that Jesus' response is not about Martha's ministry, but her preoccupation with Mary. ... I believe Jesus is not offering a value judgment between them, but assuaging Martha's worry by affirming that Mary is doing a good portion of the work, too.
(Lauren Wright Pittman)

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GATHERING & PRAISING

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

Come as you are.

If you have deep faith
or your faith has run dry,
if you know every scripture
or none at all,
if you have calloused hands
and live your faith through good works,
or if you kneel at God's feet,
with a million hungry questions,
come as you are.

This is God's house.

None are turned away.

All are welcome here.

Prayer of Invocation

HYMN *Come, Let Us All Unite to Sing* VT 7

Passing the Peace & Fellowship Greeting

HYMN *Praise the Lord, Sing Hallelujah* VT 95

Children's Time

My Coins Count Offering

CONFESSING & SEEKING RECONCILIATION

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of Grace,
We long to do the "right" thing.
We long to make the "right" choice.

We long to stand on the "right" side of the dividing line.

In our earnestness, we sometimes miss the sacred
right in front of us. In our earnestness, we sometimes miss
opportunities to show love.

Show us how to hold our heart's desire for perfection
loosely. Show us how to lead with grace and love,
over anything else.

For even more than our desire to be right, we desire
to be close to you. Show us the way. AMEN

Words of Forgiveness

TELLING GOD'S STORY

HYMN *Lord Listen To Your Children Praying* VT 682

Poem – *Wildfire* (by Rev. Sarah Speed)

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Luke 10:38-42

Sermon

Music for Meditation

SHARING OUR STORIES & PRAYING

Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer

LIVING GOD'S STORY

HYMN *The Lord Lift You Up* VT 832

Benediction

Postlude

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The Nursery is typically staffed with a volunteer care provider during worship (and Sunday School as needed). Children are also welcome to remain in the sanctuary! Worship bags with drawing/coloring materials are provided at the back of the sanctuary.

Sound: Earl Ediger & Allen Yoder

Livestream: Jay Gehring

Ushers: Diane Ziemer & Joretta Martens

Nursery: Fred & Mary Wade

Pianist: Peggy Stucky

Song Leader: Jon Miller

Worship Leader: Joel Iwashige

Poem Reader: Anna Crable

Prayer for Illumination & Scripture Reader: Randy Rempel

Children's Time: Hilda Iwashige

Sermon: Spencer Garrison

Prayers of the People: Pastor Tonya Ramer Wenger

TODAY:

Offerings to support FMC mission and ministry are received in the offering box at the back, or on our website.

Fellowship with drinks in Common Grounds Room

Sunday School for all ages at 11:00am

LOOKING AHEAD:

- **March 19 – Second Lenten Lunch** at Trinity United Methodist (noon)
- **March 19 – WNAF** – 5:30-6:30pm choir; 6-7pm dinner; 7-8pm children’s choir and program with our pastors leading, “Reading Scripture Together in the Anabaptist Tradition,” focused on scriptures in Luke.
- **March 22** – FMC serves at the Soup Kitchen – signup opposite mailboxes
- **April 5** – ‘*Listening for a Word*’ *Sermon Writing Retreat/Workshop* 10am-2:30pm. Led by Pastor Tonya & Anita Kehr. Please RSVP.
- **April 6** – Kansas Mennonite Men’s Chorus – 4:00pm, Tabor College
- **April 11-12** – Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale – volunteer to help



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