

Welcome to Roseville

We Are Honored by Your Presence

Sunday, April 6, 2025 - 10:30 A.M.

Theme: "Blessing the Block-Sacrificing for Future Generations"

OPENING SONG:

Worship Leader: Elder Lynda Blaney-Smith

Welcome back! As we journey through 'Jesus Spins the Block' this Lent, we're challenged to not just transform our present, but to invest in our future. Today, we reflect on Mary's extravagant act of anointing Jesus' feet, a gesture of sacrificial love. We'll ask ourselves: How is our church investing in the next generation? What sacrifices are we making to ensure a flourishing future for our community?

Please stand for our call to worship

***CALL TO WORSHIP:** *(Ask Congregants to Stand if Able)*

Leader: God of future generations, You call us to sacrificial love.

Congregation: We respond, ready to invest in what lasts.

Leader: Like Mary anointing Jesus' feet, God invites us to give extravagantly.

Congregation: We offer, pouring out our resources for the future.

Leader: Jesus shows us the way of selfless sacrifice.

All: We worship, seeking to bless the block for generations to come!

With hearts committed to sacrificial love, let us rise and sing...

*SONG OF WORSHIP

Seeking God's guidance in investing in the future, let us pray...

MORNING PRAYER | INVOCATION:

(Lay Leader – Not In Unison)

Elder Blaney-Smith

Generous God, You inspire extravagant acts of love that bless future generations. Inspire us to invest in the young people of our community, providing them with the resources and support they need to thrive. Guide us to make sacrifices today that will create a flourishing future for all who come after us. Make our church a place where the legacy of love is passed on. Amen.

WELCOME AND RECOGNITION OF GUESTS

Elder Blaney-Smith

Good morning and welcome! We're so glad you've chosen to join us for worship today, whether you're here in person or worshipping with us online. A special welcome to our first-time guests—we're honored to have you with us. If you're joining online, stay connected by subscribing to our YouTube channel or liking our Facebook page, where you'll find updates, messages, and devotionals. For everyone here, we invite you to use our guest connection card [show card] to share prayer requests or express interest in ministry. You can place it in the offering plate or basket as you exit, and online participants can type "I want to connect" in the comments. Let's take a moment to greet one another—smile and wave to those around you! Online viewers, drop a greeting in the chat so we can welcome you too. We're so grateful for each of you and

pray God's blessings as we worship together. Now, let's continue in worship as the choir leads us in song!

SELECTION AFTER WELCOME |

Congregation Friendly | ("Glad to Be in the Service")

***** ANNOUNCEMENTS *****

***PASTORAL CONCERNS** (Mission statement)

We believe God is calling the Roseville Presbyterian Church to be:

"A welcoming congregation committed to respond to Christ's call to nurture and develop leaders, engage and embrace our community through worship, service, and love while passionately spreading the gospel to impact lives."

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER*

PRAYER RESPONSE (SONG/MEDLEY)

MUSIC SELECTION

OFFERING

Call for Offering

Elder Blaney-Smith

"Our commitment to future generations requires investment. Let us give generously to support initiatives that empower young people and create a flourishing future..."

OFFERTORY SELECTION

***Doxology:** "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow...."

Prayer of Dedication

Legacy-giving God, we dedicate these gifts to the work of blessing future generations. May they be used to create a community where young people thrive and the legacy of love continues. Amen.

"Let us hear the story of Mary's extravagant act of love, and be inspired to invest in the future..."

SCRIPTURE READING: John 12:1-8

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

After this next selection we will have our message from our Rev. Marshall.

SERMONIC SELECTION

Choir

SERMON:

Rev. Touré Marshall

"Blessing the Block – Sacrificing for Future Generations"

CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

"Jesus calls us to love sacrificially, investing in the future of our community. How will you contribute to the flourishing of generations to come?"

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Lord's Table:

Friends, this is the joyful feast of the people of God! They will come from east and west, and from north and south, and sit at table in the kingdom of God. According to Luke, when our risen Lord was at table with his disciples, he took the bread, and blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. This is the Lord's table. Our Savior invites those who trust him to share the feast which he has prepared.

Great 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.

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, eternal God, our creator. You have given us life and second birth in your Spirit. Once we were no people, but now we are your people. You claimed Israel as your chosen nation and raised up the church as a witness to the resurrection, breathing into it your life and power. From worlds apart, you gathered us together. When we go astray, you welcome us home. Always, your love has been steadfast. Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with the choirs of heaven and with all the faithful of every time and place who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. In love with you and in compassion for all, Jesus healed and taught, challenged and comforted, welcomed and saved. He formed a community, promising to be with his disciples wherever two or three were gathered, and sending them on his mission of hope and healing in the world. Jesus trusted his life to you, and went freely to his death, so the world might be set free from suffering and sin. You raised him from death and raise us also to live a new life with him. In the power of the Holy Spirit, you send us out to make disciples as he commanded.

Remembering all your mighty and merciful acts, we take this bread and this wine from the gifts you have given us and celebrate with joy the redemption won for us in Jesus Christ. Accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving as a living and holy offering of ourselves, that our lives may proclaim the One crucified and risen. Great is the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.**

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and wine, that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ. By your Spirit unite us with the living Christ and with all who are baptized in his name, that we may be one in ministry in every place. As this bread is Christ's body for us, send us out to be the body of Christ in the world.

O God, today you have called us together to be the church. Unite us now at your table, and in one loaf and a common cup, make us one in Christ Jesus.

Let your Spirit empower the life we share and ignite our witness in the world. With all who have gone before us, keep us faithful to the gospel teachings and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Give us strength to serve you until the promised day of the resurrection, when with the redeemed of all the ages we will feast with you at your table in glory. Through Christ, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, with the Holy Spirit in the holy church, now and forever. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer:

As Christ our Savior taught us, we are bold to pray:

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.

Breaking of the Bread:

The Lord Jesus, on the night of his arrest, took bread, and after giving thanks to God, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take, eat. This is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way he took the cup, saying:

This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me. Every time you eat this bread and drink this cup you proclaim the saving death of the risen Lord, until he comes.

Prayer after Communion:

Gracious God, may we who have received this sacrament live in the unity of your Holy Spirit, that we may show forth your gifts to all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

BENEDICTION:

"Go forth with a generous spirit, investing in the future of our community. May you be a source of blessing and hope for generations to come. Amen."

CLOSING HYMN:

***Congregational Response:** "*Amen.*"

***POSTLUDE.**

***Signifies all who are able; please stand.**

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