

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON pg. 704

Ezekiel 37:1-14

EPISTLE LESSON pg. 919

Romans 8:6-11

FIRST GOSPEL LESSON pg. 845

Luke 10: 38-42

SECOND GOSPEL LESSON pg. 873

John 11:1-45

SERMON

*A Tale of Two Sisters*

♦HYMN #201

*A Prophet Woman Broke a Jar*

### ***WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD***

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & 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.**

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES, OFFERINGS AND COMMITMENTS

OFFERTORY

♦RESPONSE OF THANKSGIVING

*Let All Things Now Living (v.1)*

♦PRAYER OF DEDICATION

### ***SENDING***

♦HYMN #324

*For All the Faithful Women*

♦CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

♦POSTLUDE



# New Hanover

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

March 26, 2023



## A TALE OF TWO SISTERS

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# New Hanover Presbyterian Church

*We Seek to Nurture Disciples of Jesus Christ to be Active Witnesses in the World  
to the Good News of God's Transforming Grace in Jesus Christ Our Lord*

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The Lord's Day, March 26, 2023

THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

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## *Saluting Women's History Month*

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❖ = Please stand in body or in spirit • Unison responses are in **bold print**

Greet each other in the name of Jesus and prepare for worship.

*Today, as we ponder the roles of Martha and Mary, instill in us, O God, our Father and Mother, the unquestioning faith that they had in you. Instill in us the tender love they had for you. Instill in us the love that women have shown over the ages, healing and renewing uneasy and troubled souls.*

### **GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER**

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Deacon Robin Edwards

*Welcome Visitors!* ☩

PRELUDE

Kayla Jarvis, Music Director

REMEMBERING OUR BAPTISM

The Rev. Terry Nathan Diebold

❖CALL TO WORSHIP

Return people of God, for rest and renewal.  
Come to the source of life for renewed hope.

**God has heard each of our voices.**

**God's mercy saves and preserves us.**

Celebrate this time of worship and remembrance.

Rejoice in the spirit of God which does not forget you  
when life bring distress and anguish.

**We bring our doubts and fears, our work and worries,  
to this time of reflection and refreshment.**

**We give thanks to you, O God, we exalt You and worship You,  
for You are gracious and righteous, upright and endlessly loving.**

❖PRAYER OF ADORATION

❖HYMN #398

*How Very Good and Pleasant*

CALL TO CONFESSION

The Rev. Dr. Felecia Douglass

CONFESSION OF SIN

**God of mercy hear us  
as we confess our sin.  
Power beguiles us  
and we deem ourselves worthy.  
Our good works convince us  
that we can assure  
our own salvation.  
We heap treasures about us  
as signs of merit and status,  
then build elaborate defenses  
to keep our prizes secure.  
Forgive the illusion  
of our own greatness,  
as we judge others for  
having the same illusion.  
We ask humbly now to receive  
your undeserved forgiveness.  
Amen**

*(silent prayer)*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

❖RESPONSE OF PRAISE #627

*I Love You Lord*

❖THE PEACE OF CHRIST

...The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ  
be with you all.

**And also with you.**

### ***THE WORD***

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Felecia Douglass

THE TESTIMONY OF FAITHFUL WOMEN

Deacon, Karen Chandler