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Sunday, March 26, 2023 @ 10:00 a.m.

5th Sunday of Lent

Rev. Dr. Lee Ann Shaw, Lead Pastor

“The Great Silence”

Scriptures: [Isaiah 43:16-21](#) and [John 12:1-8](#) (NRSV)



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[Isaiah 43:16-21](#)

- ¹⁶ Thus says the LORD,
who makes a way in the sea,
a path in the mighty waters,
- ¹⁷ who brings out chariot and horse,
army and warrior;
they lie down, they cannot rise,
they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:
- ¹⁸ Do not remember the former things,
or consider the things of old.
- ¹⁹ I am about to do a new thing;
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness
and rivers in the desert.
- ²⁰ The wild animals will honour me,
the jackals and the ostriches;
for I give water in the wilderness,
rivers in the desert,
to give drink to my chosen people,
- ²¹ the people whom I formed for myself
so that they might declare my praise. ([top](#))



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[John 12:1-8](#)

¹Six 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 at the table with him.

³ Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them 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 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.' ([top](#))