

**Minute for Mission**  
**Easter Offering 2018**  
**Generosity**



One of the biblical stories that has captured our imagination is the woman who anointed Jesus' feet with expensive perfume. All four gospels tell her story – each with different detail – but they agree on one thing: the ointment was worth a year's salary! What would you give a year's worth of wages to? What could possibly motivate such an act of extravagant generosity? Could you ever see yourself being *that* generous?

For all we don't know about her, we can assume from what we do know, that she is extremely grateful. She is responding to something that Jesus has done – and in that moment all she can do in return is offer the best thing she has. Jesus graciously receives her gift and her gratitude. It is a holy moment; a human moment; a moment of Divine grace.

Gratitude is a powerful motivator for expressions of generosity. Love can also inspire generosity, as can hope, desire, or wonder. So too is the aspiration to make a difference. When we act with generosity, we are reflecting the one in whose image we have been created, for ultimately it begins and ends with God. God has given, and we can't help but respond. At our best, we too are givers.

The Center for Faith and Giving, (supported by your Disciples Mission Fund dollars) teaches generosity by examining the abundant provision of God and our vocation as a steward of what we have received. What will we do with what we have? How will we say thank you? Our goal is to help you empower the awesome ministry and mission God has called your church, your Region and your partners in ministry to do. And for your gifts – we say thank you!