



April 6, 2025

Fifth Sunday of Lent

GATHERING IN THE LORD'S PRESENCE

Boldface = All speak

❖ = All who are able, please stand.

PRELUDE "Joy Song" *Mark Hayes*

WELCOME

CHORAL INTROIT..... "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"
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❖ **CALL TO WORSHIP** (*Psalm 126*)

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dreamed.

Our mouths were filled with laughter, our tongues with songs of joy.

It was said among the nations, the Lord has done great things for them.

The Lord has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy.

Come, let us worship God!

❖ **HYMN** "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" **#65**
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❖ **CALL TO CONFESSION AND PRAYER**

Ever-Present God, you offer us restoration and wholeness, yet we resist you. We reduce the purpose of this life to the amount of stuff we can retain, and we disregard the damage done to our planet, our neighbors, and to ourselves in the process. We confess that we would rather remain as we are than risk the change that results from your presence in our lives. (a time for silent confession) Merciful God, in this season of Lent, help us to realize just how much we depend on one another. Guide us to reorient our lives towards your goodness and your joy. And as you do, we ask that you renew us and restore us, as you always have. Amen.

❖ **ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE**

❖ **AFFIRMING THE PEACE AMONG US**

The peace of Christ be with you!

And also with you!

The children may go back to Sunday School at this time.

❖ **GLORIA PATRI**Henry W. Greatorex (*Public Domain*)..... **#581**

HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy God, just as you spoke at the dawn of creation, continue to speak to us now as we prepare to encounter your Word. Be with us in our listening, in our speaking, in our understanding, and in our responding. Amen.

1st SCRIPTUREExodus 12:1-11, pg. 92
Holy Wisdom, Holy Word. Thanks be to God.

REFLECTION "Shoes of Escape" The Rev. Sara K. Snowden

CHORAL ANTHEM..... "How Beautiful"
(Words and music by Twila Paris, arr. by Benjamin Harlan)

2nd SCRIPTUREJohn 1:19-28, pg. 1509
Holy Wisdom, Holy Word. Thanks be to God.

REFLECTION ... "Not Worthy to Even Untie His Shoes" ... The Rev. Sara K. Snowden

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

❖ **HYMN** "Let Us Break Bread Together" **#525**
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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING AND WORDS OF INSTITUTION

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, O Lord... ..and the heavenly choir:

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.

Blessed is Jesus Christ... ..as we share this joyful feast.

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

Pour out your Holy Spirit... ..as we lift our prayer to you: **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.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

These are the gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

Those who wish to partake of communion within the sanctuary are invited to come forward to receive a piece of bread (gluten-free bread is available upon request) and a cup of grape juice.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray together

Giving God, living Lord, you have fed us with your body. You have poured out your life that we might live. We thank you, for we have tasted your goodness in this meal. Fed, we are strengthened; filled, we are renewed to share the abundance of your love with a hungry world. Amen.

❖**HYMN** "For the Bread Which You Have Broken" **#516**

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OFFERING AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

DOXOLOGY Genevan Psalter (*Public Domain*)..... **#606**

GOING FORTH TO SERVE

OPPORTUNITIES TO CONNECT & SERVE

MINUTE FOR MISSION: One Great Hour of Sharing, Cheryl Elliott

❖**HYMN** "Guide My Feet"..... **#741**
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❖SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE..... "A Joyful Mozart Canon"
W. A. Mozart, Arr. by Jean Anne Shafferman

Pastor: The Rev. Sara K. Snowden

Lector: Bob McNees

Greeter: Sue Cory

Communion Servers: Beverly Mason and Leila Trepanier

Worship Pianist: Amy Dickman

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