

# A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

## *Fifth Sunday in Lent*

March 17, 2024

10:00 am

\*All who are able may stand.

**Bold type spoken by the congregation**

### GATHERING. . .

The Prelude

*Prelude in E Minor*

J.S. Bach

The Welcome and Announcements

This is the day the Lord has made. **Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

The Introit

*O God, You Are My God* (Hymn 743)  
*Youth Choir*

The Call To Worship

We wish to see Jesus. Where shall we look?

**We see him lifted up; upon the cross yet also glorified.**

We wish to follow Jesus. Where shall we be found?

**Where he is. There shall we be also.**

\*The Hymn 35

*Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty*

*Praise ye the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation! O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!  
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near; join me in glad adoration!*

*Praise ye the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth, shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!  
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been granted in what he ordaineth?*

*Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him! All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!  
Let the amen sound from his people again; gladly for aye we adore him.*

\*The Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God, we confess that we fail to follow you in all the paths you set before us. We prefer our safety to your ways of vulnerability and risk. We seek to save our lives through security and acquisition; you ask us to let go of all that holds us back. Forgive us for faith that falters when the cross comes into view. Help us to give and to love sacrificially for the sake of your kingdom. May we never lose sight of you....silent prayer...Amen.**

\*Assurance of Pardon

This is the good news in which we stand: That Christ died for us while we were yet sinners.

**This is the grace that helps us stand: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and set free for love and service. Thanks be to God.**

\*Sung Response Hymn 227

*Jesus, Remember Me (sung twice)*

*Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.  
Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.*

\*The Peace and Greeting

The peace of Christ be with you all. **And also with you!**

(Please stand to greet one another in the name of Christ. For those worshipping at home, please share Christ's peace with someone outside Your home this week.)

### HEARING THE WORD OF GOD. . .

The Prayer for Illumination

The Old Testament Lesson: *Jeremiah 31:31-34*

Psalter Lesson: *Psalms 119:9-16*

Anthem

*Give Me Jesus*

Mark Patterson

Scott Shirk, saxophone

*In the morning when I rise, give me Jesus.  
You can have all this world, but give me Jesus.  
And when I feel afraid, give me Jesus.  
You can have all this world, but give me Jesus.  
And when the trumpet sounds, give me Jesus.  
You can have all this world but give me Jesus.*

The Epistle Lesson: *Hebrews 5:5-10*

Moment with Children

\*The Hymn 216

*Beneath the Cross of Jesus*

*Beneath the cross of Jesus I fain would take my stand, the shadow of a mighty rock within a weary land;  
a home within the wilderness, a rest upon the way, from the burning of the noontide heat, and the burden of the day.*

*Upon the cross of Jesus mine eye at times can see the very dying form of One who suffered there for me;  
and from my stricken heart with tears two wonders I confess: the wonders of redeeming love and my  
unworthiness.*

*I take, O cross, thy shadow for my abiding place; I ask no other sunshine than the sunshine of his face;  
content to let the world go by, to know no gain or loss, my sinful self my only shame, my glory all the cross.*

The Gospel Lesson: *John 12:20-33*

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

The Sermon

*An Up and Down Life*

Kim Clayton

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD...

\*Affirmation of Faith

*The Apostles' Creed*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

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.**

Tithes and Offerings Presented

\*The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen*

## GOING FORTH AND SERVE IN GOD'S NAME

### \*The Hymn 714

#### *God of the Fertile Fields*

*God of the fertile fields, shaper of earth that yields our daily bread;  
forth from your bounteous hand come gifts your love has planned, that all in every land be clothed and fed.*

*We would be stewards true, holding in trust from you all that you give;  
help us in love to share, teach us like you to care for people everywhere, that all may live.*

*As grows the hidden seed to fruit that serves our need, so your reign grows.  
Let all our toil be used, no gift of yours abused, no humble task refused your love bestows.*

*God of the countryside, dear to the Christ who died to make us one:  
we pledge our lives anew in faithful love to you. Guide all we say and do. Your will be done.*

### \*The Charge and Benediction

*The flowers on the pulpit are given by Karen and David Johnson to honor all those who have helped with the  
Community Dinners since March 18, 2006, the first dinner.*

#### ***Today's Worship Leaders:***

*Preacher: Kim Clayton*

*Liturgists: Patty Toler, Brittany Harvey*

*Choirmasters: Mary Ann and Larry Casey*

*Organist: Amy Shirk*

*Ushers: Steve and Linda Spratt*

*Elevator Assistant: Linda Benn*

*Sanctuary Guild: Karen Johnson*

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