

March 21, 2021

Fifth Sunday in Lent

Before service speak silently to the Lord, during the service let the Lord speak powerfully to you.

Service for the Worship of God



Our Mission is to be a
community of disciples
with a heart for God
and hands to help others.

boldface = Congregation participates

PRAYER OF PREPARATION (Liturgy today adapted from Bruce Pewter)

God of innumerable mercies, give us the grace to be buried in the love of Christ, like the seed that is buried in the earth, and thereby may we begin to live more abundantly. Amen.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE: *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

arr. A.C. Whitworth

Gathering in the Lord's Presence

CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Jeremiah 31)

Leader: Holy One, dwell within us.

People: Whisper in our ears;

Leader: Glimmer in our vision;

People: Write upon our hearts.

Leader: We wait

People: with open ears, open eyes, open hearts. Amen

HYMN #64

I Long for Your Commandments (Psalm 119)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of Love that knows no boundaries: we crowd our lives with so much activity, that it is hard to find time for you. We become so focused on ourselves, we can overlook those around us who are searching for hope. We fill our spiritual emptiness with junk, rather than feasting on your Word. Abundant Mercy, forgive us. Open our eyes, that we may see your new covenant written in plain sight on our hearts. Open our hearts, that we may join you in serving the broken of the world. Open our love, so we may pour it out as abundantly and graciously as your love is given to us in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Let us remember the words of the prophet Jeremiah: “The time is coming, says our God, when all people shall know me, from the least of them to the greatest, for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sins no more.”

People: **We are forgiven, thanks be to God!**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Hearing the Word

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE: John 12:20-33

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor. “Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

RESPONSE:

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE: *Just a Single Grain*

Responding to the Word

HYMN #171

A Sower Came from Ancient Hills

OFFERING

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

DOXOLOGY

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & **LORD'S PRAYER**

Going Forth to Serve

BLESSING

RESPONSE TO BENEDICTION: *You Shall Go Out With Joy*

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Lauren Cochran, Pastor

Roger Lawrence, Reader

Dylan Rehm, Chancel Choir & Handbell Director

Darlene Richards, Organ

Jennifer Parker Wrzeszcz, Parish Associate

Matt Parker Wrzeszcz, Associate Pastor