

March 29, 2020  
Fifth Sunday of Lent

## THE GATHERING

### PRELUDE

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Grateful to God, we worship. We worship the God of Grace.

**In God, we are ever thankful; in God we will rejoice!**

Look to God. Do not be afraid.

**Lift up your voices, the Lord is near. Lift up your voices, the Lord is near.**

Grateful to God, we worship.

**We worship the gifts of God this day.**

### \*OPENING PRAYER

God of every blessing, on this Lenten journey we come to you with grateful hearts. In you we find our purpose; in you we are made whole. Walk alongside us through the valleys and the triumphs. Grant us your peace through the joys and the pains. Instruct us, inspire us and commission us, to serve this world in your name; through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

### \*HYMN

*In the Bulb There Is a Flower*

HYMN OF PROMISE

*In the bulb, there is a flower; in the seed an apple tree;  
in cocoons a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free.*

*In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be  
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.*

*There's a song in every silence, seeking word and melody;  
there's a dawn in every darkness bringing hope to you and me.  
From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery,  
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.*

*In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity;  
in our doubt there is believing; in our life eternity.  
In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory,  
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.*

### TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

May God be with you in worship there.

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### CALL TO CONFESSON

The season of Lent invites us to be reconciled to God. Trusting in God's grace, let us name where we have wandered from our discipleship journey. Let us pray.

### PRAYER OF CONFESSON

**God of great mercy, we confess that we have failed to keep our faith in you. You provide our daily bread; still we hunger for other things. You give your word to guide us; still we surrender to doubt.**

**Forgive us, God of grace. Create a clean heart within us, teach us your holy way, and restore the joy of salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

POURING OF THE WATER & DECLARATION OF PROMISE AND FORGIVENESS

GLORIA PATRI

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be,  
World without end. Amen. Amen.*

Sharing of the Peace

Sung Response                    *I Want Jesus to Walk with Me*

*I want Jesus to walk with me; I want Jesus to walk with me;  
All along my pilgrim journey, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.*

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Gracious God, our way in the wilderness, guide us by your Word through these forty days, and minister to us with your Holy Spirit, so that we may be reformed, restored, and renewed; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

READINGS FROM SCRIPTURE

John 11

The Gospel of the Lord. **May Jesus Christ be praised.**

Musical Response                    *When Jesus Wept*

SERMON

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - from *A Brief Statement of Faith*

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death will be able to separate us from Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

THE EUCHARIST

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERING

MUSIC FOR THE OFFERING      *How Can I Keep from Singing?*      American folk hymn, arr. Andy Beck  
Dakota DeGraw, Sarah Martin, Shelby Wooldridge

INVITATION AND PRAYER

Prayers of the People

Lord hear us...

**...Lord graciously hear us.**

\*Hymn

*We Come to You for Healing Lord*

LAND OF REST

*We come to you for healing, Lord,  
of body, mind, and soul,  
and pray that by your Spirit's touch  
we may again be whole.*

*As once you walked through ancient streets  
and reached toward those in pain,  
we know you come among us still  
with power to heal again.*

*You touch us through physicians' skills,  
through nurses' gifts of care,  
and through the love of faithful friends  
who lift our lives in prayer.*

*Through nights of pain and wakefulness,  
through days when strength runs low,  
grant us your gift of patience, Lord,  
your calming peace to know.*

*We come to you, O loving Lord,  
in our distress and pain,  
in trust that through our nights and days  
your grace will heal, sustain.*