

A Service of Worship  
April 3, 2022  
*Fifth Sunday in Lent*

**We Gather at God's Call**

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First came the taking,  
the leaving,  
the wandering.

Then came the using,  
the wasting,  
the losing.

Next came the knowing,  
the grieving,  
the returning.

And then the father  
ran to his son  
and put his arms around him.

It breaks the rhythm.  
Grace always does.

Introit

Pouring of the Water

Prelude

Greeting

\*Call to Worship

Janina Peachey, Worship Leader.

God makes a way out of no way.

**God sees our tears and turns them into joy.**

God makes the impossible possible

**and sees the desperate needs of all people.**

Come close, healing Lord,

**and receive our worship.**

\*Hymn

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

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*When I survey the wondrous cross  
on which the Prince of glory died,  
my richest gain I count but loss,  
and pour contempt on all my pride.*

*Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,*

*save in the death of Christ my God;  
all the vain things that charm me most,  
I sacrifice them to his blood.*

*See, from his head, his hands, his feet,  
sorrow and love flow mingled down;  
did e'er such love and sorrow meet,  
or thorns compose so rich a crown?*

*Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
that were a present far too small;  
love so amazing, so divine,  
demands my soul, my life, my all.*

\*Call to Confession

\*Prayer of Confession

**Why are you so extravagant, O God?  
We work hard, use our intelligence,  
keep our ledgers balanced,  
accomplish feats daily, care for our families,  
and honor our inherited legacies.  
Is this not enough to earn our place among the favored?**

**Yet you throw open windows and doors,  
revealing a vision we do not possess,  
where accomplishments don't count,  
where tears reap joy,  
where peace is found in suffering,  
where confidence is gained  
by giving away what is ours to treasure.**

**Show us again what matters.  
Forgive our misplaced values,  
and draw us into your extravagance,  
that we, too, might be generous with our love. Amen.**

\*Assurance of Forgiveness.

Friends, believe the Good News: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

**Thanks be to God!**

\*Response of Praise

*Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me  
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,  
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.*

**We Gather around God's Word**

Time with the Children

Pastor Ann Pettit

Scripture

Philippians 3:4b - 14

Sermon

Pastor Keith Phillips

### **We Respond to God's Word**

\*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.**

**Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,**

**Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain  
and giving his life for the sins of the world.**

**God raised this Jesus from the dead,**

**vindicating his sinless life,  
breaking the power of sin and evil,  
delivering us from death to life eternal.**

Invitation to the Offering

Special Music

*Sat Down under His Shadow*

Bairstow

*I sat down under His shadow with great delight,  
And His fruit was sweet to my taste.  
He brought me to the banqueting house,  
And His banner over me was love.  
I sat down under His shadow.*

Concerns of the Congregation

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

### **We Are Sent to the World**

\*Hymn

*Fight the Good Fight*

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***Fight the good fight with all thy might.  
Christ is thy strength and Christ thy right.  
Lay hold on life, and it shall be***

*thy joy and crown eternally.*

*Run the straight race through God's good grace;  
lift up thine eyes, and seek Christ's face.  
Life with its way before us lies;  
Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.*

*Cast care aside; lean on thy guide.  
God's boundless mercy will provide.  
Trust, and thy trusting soul shall prove  
Christ is its life, and Christ its love.*

*Faint not nor fear: God's arms are near.  
God changeth not, and thou art dear.  
Only believe, and thou shalt see  
that Christ is all in all to thee.*

Benediction

\*Benediction Response

*Go with us, Lord, and guide the way  
through this and every coming day,  
that in your Spirit strong and true  
our lives may be our gift to you.*

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