

FIFTH SUNDAY
in
LENT



THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 17, 2024

10:50 a.m.

✠ We Gather in God's Name ✠

Welcome

Rev. Bill Pollack

Prelude

Winchester Bells

What Wondrous Love Is This

Arr. Brian Childers

Call to Worship

Kim Whitman

Leader: In the darkness of our sin and the confusion of our world,

People: We seek to renew our faith in Christ this Lent.

Leader: In the face of death and suffering,

People: We long to hope in the promise of everlasting life.

Leader: In times of loneliness and alienation,

People: We desire the consolation of God's undying love.

Leader: Let our hearts be encouraged through the mystery of Christ's suffering, death, and resurrection.

People: Let us come to live faithfully in His kingdom, both now and forever. Amen.

† **Hymn of Praise**

#159

O Sing a Song of Bethlehem

O sing a song of Bethlehem, of shepherds watching there,
and of the news that came to them from angels in the air.

The light that shone on Bethlehem fills all the world today.

Of Jesus' birth and peace on earth the angels sing away.

O sing a song of Nazareth, of sunny days of joy;

O sing of fragrant flowers' breath, and of the sinless Boy.

For now the flowers of Nazareth in every heart may grow.

Now spreads the fame of His dear name on all the winds that blow.

O sing a song of Galilee, of lake and woods and hill,
of Him who walked upon the sea and bade its waves be still.

For though, like waves on Galilee, dark seas of trouble roll,
when faith has heard the Master's word, falls peace upon the soul.

O sing a song of Calvary, its glory and dismay,
of Him who hung upon the tree, and took our sins away.

For He who died on Calvary is risen from the grave,
and Christ, our Lord, by heaven adored, is mighty now to save.

† **Call to Confession**

† **Prayer of Confession**

Merciful Savior, we have been a wayward people. We were dead in our sin, and You gave us life. We wandered away from You, becoming exiles, and You rescued us and carried us home. We have been sick, broken and needy, and You healed and restored us. We deserve none of this. We deserve the penalty You bore on our behalf. Yet, Your love is so deep, Your mercy so wide, Your embrace so all-enfolding that You have done for us what we could never do for ourselves. You have made us Your own. You have forgiven us and loved us. We receive this gift with gratitude, joy, and awe. For the sake of Christ, we pray. Amen.

† **Response**

440 (4)

Plenteous grace with Thee is found, grace to cover all my sin.
Let the healing streams abound; make and keep me pure within.
Thou of life the fountain art; freely let me take of Thee.
Spring Thou up within my heart. Rise to all eternity.

✠ **We Listen to God's Word** ✠

Children's Message

Lisa Stevens

Anthem

Chancel Choir

Sing, My Soul, His Wondrous Love

Arlen Clarke

Sing, my soul, His wondrous love, who from yon bright throne
above, ever watchful o'er our race, still to us extends His grace.
Heaven and earth by Him were made; all is by His scepter swayed;
What are we that He should show so much love to us below?
God, the merciful and good, bought us with the Savior's blood,
And to make salvation sure, guides us by His Spirit pure.
Sing my soul, adore His name! Let His glory be the theme:
Praise Him till He calls thee home; trust His love for all to come.

Prayer for Illumination

The Epistle Lesson

Ephesians 2:1 – 10 (NRSV)

You were dead through the trespasses and sins ²in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. ³All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, doing the will of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else, ⁴but God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which He loved us ⁵even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—⁶and raised us up with Him and seated us with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷so that in the ages to come He might show the immeasurable riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God—⁹not the result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰For we are what He has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we may walk in them.

L: The Word of the Lord. P: **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 89

#67

My Song Forever Shall Record

My song forever shall record the tender mercies of the Lord;
Your faithful love will I proclaim, and every age shall know Your name.

I sing of mercies that endure, forever firm, forever sure,
a strong support that never dies, established changeless in the skies.

Almighty God, Your lofty throne has justice for its cornerstone,
and shining bright before Your face are truth and love and boundless grace.

With blessing is the nation crowned whose people know the joyful sound;
they in the light, O Lord, shall live, the light Your face and favor give.

† The Gospel Lesson

John 11: 32–44 (NRSV)

When Mary came where Jesus was and saw Him, she knelt at His feet and said to him, “Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died.” ³³When Jesus saw her weeping and the Jews who came with her also weeping, He was greatly disturbed

in spirit and deeply moved. ³⁴ He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to Him, "Lord, come and see." ³⁵ Jesus began to weep. ³⁶ So the Jews said, "See how He loved him!" ³⁷ But some of them said, "Could not He who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?" ³⁸ Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹ Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to Him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." ⁴⁰ Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?" ⁴¹ So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank You for having heard Me. ⁴² I knew that You always hear Me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that You sent Me." ⁴³ When He had said this, He cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" ⁴⁴ The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

L: This is the Holy Gospel of Christ **P: Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

Rev. Bill Pollack

When Easter Comes – LIFE!

✠ **We Respond to God's Word** ✠

† **Hymn of Response** (Toulon)

#182

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come unto Me and rest.
Lay down, O weary one, lay down your head upon My breast."

I came to Jesus as I was, so weary, worn, and sad;
I found in Him a resting place, and He has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Behold, I freely give
the living water, thirsty one; stoop down and drink and live."

I came to Jesus, and I drank of that life-giving stream;
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in Him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "I am this dark world's light;
look unto Me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."

I looked to Jesus, and I found in Him my star, my sun;
and in that Light of Life I'll walk till traveling days are done.

† **Affirmation of Faith**

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended into hell. On the third day He rose again; He ascended into heaven, He is seated at the right hand of the Father, and He will come again to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Offering Acknowledgement

Special Offering: Clean Start

† **Doxology**

#711 (3)

Father, whose bounty all creation shows.
Christ, by whose willing sacrifice we live.
Spirit, from whom all life in fullness flows.
To You with grateful hearts ourselves we give.

† **Prayer of Dedication**

✠ **We Are Sent in God's Name** ✠

† **Hymn of Sending**

#686

God of Our Life

God of our life, through all the circling years, we trust in Thee.
In all the past, through all our hopes and fears, Thy hand we see.
With each new day, when morning lifts the veil,
we own Thy mercies, Lord, which never fail.

God of the past, our times are in Thy hand with us abide.
Lead us by faith to hope's true promised land. Be Thou, our guide.
With Thee to bless, the darkness shines as light,
and faith's fair vision changes into sight.

God of the coming years, through paths unknown we follow Thee.
When we are strong, Lord, leave us not alone. Our refuge be.
Be Thou for us in life our daily bread.
Our heart's true home when all our years have sped.

Postlude

Max Jackson

Antiphon V
Marcel Dupre

† **Charge & Benediction**

† *Standing if you are able.*

SERVING TODAY

Head Usher: *Ryan Whitman*
Liturgist: *Kim Whitman*

IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Sunday, March 17

Sunday Morning Study, 9:18 a.m.
Armchair Theologians, 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship, 10:50 a.m.
Genesis Bible Study, 5:30 p.m.

Monday, March 18

Sew Blessed, 6 p.m.

Tuesday, March 19

Finance Ministry Team Meeting, 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 20

Men's Bible Study, 7 a.m./Bob Evans

AAMA Lenten Worship Service, Noon, Calvary Episcopal Church

Bells Rehearsal, 5:45 p.m. | Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 6:45 p.m.

Thursday, March 21

Paper Angels, 1 p.m.
Dames + Dinner, 5:30 p.m.

College Students Finals Boxes

The Empty Nesters are inviting us to help fill the college finals boxes. The deadline is **next Sunday March 24**. We are asking for treats or office supplies. We have 6 boxes to fill.

FPC 205th Celebration Fundraiser

We have beautiful Easter towels for sale. Delivery is within 2 weeks of order; each towel is \$15. Order forms are in the Narthex. The final day to order is **next Sunday, March 24**.

Food Pantry Drive

We are collecting food for the Ashland Youth Service Center Pantry. The Food Drive ends **next Sunday, March 24**.

One Great Hour of Sharing Offering

This offering provides relief from natural disasters, food for the hungry, and support for the poor and oppressed. We will receive this offering through March. Please note on the memo line of your check or a pew envelope: *One Great Hour of Sharing*.



► **EASTER FLOWERS:** You may order Easter flowers online at fpcaky.org or there are order forms available on the table in the narthex. The cost is \$15 each. Please have orders submitted by **next Sunday, March 24**.

► **EASTER JAM:** All children birth thru grade 5 and their families are invited to join us for our annual Easter Jam **next Sunday, March 24**, following morning worship. We will have pizzas and chicken nuggets for lunch, followed by crafts, games and an Easter egg hunt. If you have any questions, please contact Jane Justice or Kelly Hanni.

► **MAUNDY THURSDAY:** We will observe **Maundy Thursday, March 28, at 7 p.m.** This service combines the Lord's Supper with a Service of Darkness leading us from the upper room to the burial of Jesus following His crucifixion and death. At the conclusion of this service the sanctuary will be stripped in remembrance of Jesus' death. It is a solemn service that touches our souls.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Week ending March 14, 2024

Margaret Ruth (Kelly Hanni)

Carol Sanderson

Rachael Turner (Kathleen Filkins' daughter)

Week ending March 7, 2024

Scott Brown (Mike & Kim Whitman's son-in-law)

Deborah Dulen (online)

Week ending February 29, 2024

Family of Betty Fowler (Melissa Fowler's mother)

Jan & Charlie Holbrook

Joe Lane (Lee McCloud's father)

Jody Lowman (Kelly & Nanette)

Jan Michel (Pastor Bill & Nanette)

Wilma Potter

(Lois Jackson's sister and Pam & Roger Potter's sister-in-law)

Family of Suzannah Price (Amy Crookes)

Linda Trimboli

Prayer requests will rotate off after three weeks. If you have an ongoing concern, please contact the church office.

Ongoing: Gretchen Dillon; Kenny McGill, Derek Payne; Nancy Payne, Bonnie Pettijohn, Tim Shephard, Jan Winans, Kim Whitman

The Lantern: Barry Barbour

Morning Pointe: Carolyn Graber

Oakmont Manor: Annie Miller

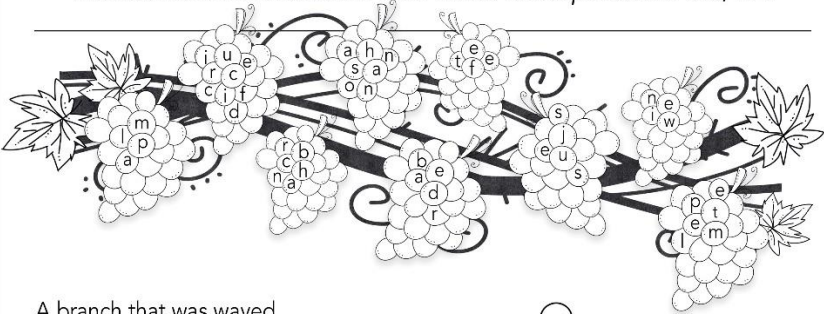
Military: Erik Adkins (USAF Reserves, Dayton, OH, son of Kris Adkins); Cadet Katie Brown (West Point, granddaughter of Kim & Mike Whitman); Major Kaitlin Whitmore (US Army, niece of Don & Judy Lilly)




A LASTING LESSON

Before dying on the cross, Jesus teaches the disciples an important lesson.

Directions: Use the clues to unscramble the letters in each grape cluster. Then write the circled letters in order below to complete John 15:5, NIV.



- A branch that was waved _ _ _ ○
- How Jesus was put to death _ _ _ ○ _ _ _ _
- A stick attached to the vine _ _ _ _ ○ _
- People shouted this to Jesus ○ _ _ _ _ _
- Jesus washed these  ○ _ _ _
- This was broken and eaten _ _ _ _ ○ _ _
- The Messiah _ _ _ _ ○ _
- A drink from grapes _ _ _ _ ○ _
- Jesus drove the money changers from here ○ _ _ _ _ _

"I am the vine; you are the branches.

If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear _____ ;
 apart from me you can do nothing." John 15:5, NIV

STAFF

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Choirmaster/Organist: *Max Jackson*
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Facilities Manager: *Glen Thomas*
Nursery Attendant: *Kara Adkins*

SESSION MEMBERS

President of Congregation: *Mitch Hall*
Secretary of Congregation/Clerk of Session: *Kelly Hanni*
Treasurer: *Cathy Wilson*

2024	2025	2026
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		*2nd term of service

MINISTRY TEAMS

Building & Grounds: <i>TBD</i>	Membership: <i>Kim Whitman</i>
Christian Education: <i>Lee McCloud</i>	Mission: <i>Geri Willis</i>
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