

# 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent 2019

## THE GATHERING

Ring the 1887 Bell

Carillon Processional

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude "How Firm a Foundation" setting, Michael Burkhardt

### \* Call to Worship

One: As people formed by God, we give praise to God:

**All: Dry ground in the sea, rivers in the desert, Christ among us-God is doing a new thing!**

One: As people restored by God, we give praise to God:

**All: Dry ground in the sea, rivers in the desert, Christ among us-God is doing a new thing!**

One: As people pressing on in faith, we give praise to God:

**All: Dry ground in the sea, rivers in the desert, Christ among us-God is doing a new thing!**

### \* Opening Hymn #645 "Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above"

### Prayer of the Day (*unison*)

Creator God, you have formed us as your own, so whether we are weeping or laughing, dreaming or shouting for joy, we are always coming home to you. For all this and more, we thank you in Jesus' name. Amen.

### Call to Confession

One: If we ask God to restore us to the way we have been, then we have not asked for as much as God intends to give. God is not content simply to return or restore us to former things. Instead, God seeks to give the gift of resurrection -a new and abundant life. With confidence in God's generosity, we confess our sins and seek the new life offered in Jesus Christ.

### Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Purifying God, we grow comfortable with the way things are in our lives, in the church, and in the world. We do not always welcome the new life you offer in Christ, for you overturn our notions of power and protocol. Sure of our own righteousness, we are critical of others. Wanting to control our assets, we hoard the gifts you give us. Forgive us, we pray, for seeking our gain at the expense of others. Help us bend our lives toward your own life of self-giving and sacrifice. Fill us, our homes and churches, the whole world, with the abundant love of Christ until all are made new. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

### Assurance of Forgiveness

One: The apostle Paul reminds us that we do not make ourselves righteous. Our righteousness comes through faith in Christ, who had made us his own. Hear the good news! In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. The old life has passed away-and a new life has begun.

**All: Forgetting what lies behind, and straining forward to what lies ahead, we press on toward the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.**

\* Response #581

"Gloria Patri"

### \* The Passing of the Peace

One: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.** (*Take a moment to greet each other with the peace of Christ*)

\* Hymn #487

"These Treasured Children"

vs. #1

### Time for Young Disciples

Rev. Meggan Farwell

All: You're beautiful! God loves you! And we love you too!

## THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

### Prayer for Illumination (*unison*)

Break open the Scripture through the power of your Spirit, O God. Let your word, read and proclaimed, pour out until its fragrance fills this house and our lives. Then, anointed with your word, send us out to share the good news we have received. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, who is with us always. Amen.

### Scripture Reading

Isaiah 43:16-21

Pew Bible – OT p.672

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### Choir Anthem

"Beautiful Savior!"

arr. Lloyd Larson

### Scripture Reading

Philippians 3:4-14

Pew Bible – NT p.198

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### Sermon

"Renewing Hope"

Rev. Dr. Luke Farwell

## THE RESPONSE TO THE WORD

\* Affirmation of Faith

Apostles' Creed

Hymnal, pg. 35

\* Hymn #846

"Fight the Good Fight"

### The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving and The Lord's Prayer

The Words of Institution

The Sharing of Bread and Wine (*See "Welcome to Worship" card in the pew rack for instructions*)

Communion Prayer

### Offering

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\* Please stand as you are able

**Bold type** indicates text to be spoken or song to be sung by the congregation.

Musical Offertory "Thee We Adore, O Hidden Savior" setting, David Cherwien

\* Doxology #609 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

\* Prayer of Dedication (*unison*)

Abundant God: You cause water to flow in desert places. You give wine to flow at a wedding feast, and food to feed five thousand on a grassy mountainside. Your generosity astounds and humbles us. We bow before you in gratitude and awe, asking you to receive what we have brought in response. May these gifts be a pleasing and a fragrant offering, for the sake of the world you came to save. We pray in your holy name. Amen.

### THE SENDING OUT

\* Closing Hymn #74 "When God Restored Our Common Life"

\* Charge & Benediction

\* Postlude "Lord, Be Glorified/ Sanctuary" arr. Fred Bock



*Following worship, deacons will be available to pray with you  
in the prayer room if needed.*

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Our beautiful chancel flowers are given by:

The Spiegel Family, and

Debbie Johnson in memory of her daughter Wendy Ann who passed away 24 yrs ago on April 8<sup>th</sup>  
& her husband Thomas Johnson who just recently passed on January 25<sup>th</sup>.

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#### Assisting in Worship This Morning

**Greeters:** Tim & Jane Grocholski

**Liturgist:** Vera Dauffenbach

**Acolytes:** Rhett & Ava Mehlberg

**Ushers:** Frank C. Petiniot, Loren Porretto, Jon & Bryce Motquin

**Organist:** Julie Mackey

**Choir Director:** Andy Parks

**Elder of the Month:** Chris Bivins

**Deacons of the Month:** Betty Pajkos & Debbie Pahl

**Tech Crew:** Mark Young, Ted Huebbe, Steve Marks, & Joe Williams

**Fellowship:** Amy Cassidy & Becky Dzekute

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