



CONNECTING & CARING

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10 AM, March 17, 2024

ONLINE ZOOM: Direct Connection: [LINK CLICK HERE](#)

Meeting ID: 202 185 2147 / Passcode: 243239

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE (Fifth Sunday in Lent)

PRELUDE

"Adagio Cantabile," J.S. Bach

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

This is the fifth step on our Lenten journey, the step of sacrifice.

Be with us, Lord, as we take this step.

This requires the willingness to give all of your life to the Lord.

Be with us, Lord, as we commit our lives to you.

Come, let us worship and offer our voices of praise to God.

Let us open our hearts and spirits to God this day. AMEN.

Lord, open our hearts today to sing your praises. AMEN.

HYMN

Lift High the Cross

UMH 159

OPENING PRAYER

Lord, be with us this day as we commit ourselves to being your disciples. Help us to face the future unafraid, trusting in your loving care and presence with us. We pray

this in Jesus' name. AMEN.

THE PEACE

The Peace of the risen Christ be with you!

And also with you!

Let us pass the peace to one another by waving.

INVITATION HYMN

This Is the Day

UMH 657

CHILDREN'S SERMON

BLESSING HYMN

Jesus Loves Me (v.1)

UMH 191

SCRIPTURE READING

Norm Chester

Psalm 51:1-12 (NRSV)

- 1** Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.
- 2** Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. **3** For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.
- 4** Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless when you pass judgment.
- 5** Indeed, I was born guilty, a sinner when my mother conceived me.
- 6** You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.
- 7** Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
- 8** Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have crushed rejoice. **9** Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.
- 10** Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.
- 11** Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me.
- 12** Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.

John 12:20-33 (NRSV)

- 20** Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks.
- 21** They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.”
- 22** Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. **23** Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.
- 24** 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.
- 25** Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life.
- 26** Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.
- 27** “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.
- 28** Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.”
- 29** The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.”
- 30** Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. **31** Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out.
- 32** And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” **33** He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

RESPONSE

This is the word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM Prelude from "**Suite Antique**," John Rutter; Bonnie Harley, flute

SERMON

TO BE GLORIFIED

Heeyoung Lim

OFFERING SONG

I Surrender all (v.1)

UMH 354

GIVING OUR GIFTS

Doxology

UMH 95

OFFERTORY PRAYER

God of the ages, we share our tithes and offerings this day with, but we acknowledge

that most of the time, we are clinging tightly to what we have, afraid we might lose something we need and afraid somehow there won't be enough to live our lives. The scarcity mindset overtakes us, and it robs us of the joy of our days. Remind us that Jesus has called us to be ready to let go of this life so that we might claim the abundance of life eternal. In our redeemer's name, we pray. Amen.

PRAYER HYMN

Near to the Heart of God

UMH 472

CALL TO PRAYER / PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
THE LORD'S PRAYER

SENDING FORTH

Where He Leads Me

UMH 338

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

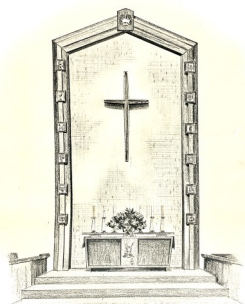
"Gavotte," Samuel Wesley

Organist: Joanne Reed

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Spring Bible Study: Friday 7 PM, March 22 (Hybrid Gathering)
- **Palm Sunday**, March 24
- **Maundy Thursday**, 6 PM, March 28
- Order Easter Lilies (@\$15/each) will be accepted by Bonnie Harley until March 21st.
- FAITHWORKS SHOP: MON. 6: 30 PM to 8:30 PM and 1st and 3rd SATs 9AM to 1 PM
- FOOD DISTRIBUTION: MON. 6:30 to 8:30 PM and 1st and 3rd SATs 9AM to 1 PM
- LARGE FOOD DISTRIBUTION: Tuesday, April 9, from 6 PM to 7:00 PM.

PRAYER LIST



Family and friends of Erva, Marion's brother.

Family and friends of Alan Cardullo, Dana's brother.

Grace Damiano, Gloria Kluger, Carol Caputo, Marlon Horn,

Chu & Jinwhan Lee, YoungBum & YoungHee Koo, George.

Jagger, Deborah Holden-Halloway, Jon Egbert, Charles Sieger,

Carmen Dilia Morillo

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