

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Sunday, April 6, 2025

“Bloom Where You Are Planted”

Introit Lord, Prepare Me to Be a Sanctuary (More Voices 18)

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Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary,
pure and holy tried and true; with thanksgiving.
I'll be a living sanctuary for you. *Repeat*

Welcome

Mission & Service Birthday/Anniversary Recognition

Happy birthday to you,
to Jesus be true,
May God's gracious blessings
rest always with you.

Announcements

Centring Music All the Way My Saviour Leads Me
by Robert LOWRY, arranged by Fred Bock

Lighting of the Christ Candle

We come to this place to continue our Lenten journey.
We come with our temptations and our laments.
We come to this place to understand
what God is calling us to let go of.
We come as forgiven people ready to forgive others.
Come to this place to seek the abundance
and extravagance of God's love and grace.
We come to worship God.

Opening Hymn And on This Path (More Voices 8)

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- 1 And on this path,
the gates of holiness are open wide,
and on this path,
the gates of holiness are open wide,
and on this path,
the gates of holiness are open wide!
Open wide! Open wide! Open wide
The gates are open wide!
- 2 So enter in
the gates of holiness are open wide,
so enter in
the gates of holiness are open wide,
so enter in
the gates of holiness are open wide!
Open wide! Open wide! Open wide!
The gates are open wide!

Morning Prayer

A Time to Wonder

The Garden Song

by David Mallet

Anthem Yes, My Jesus Loves Me

words by Anna B Warner and music by Mary McDonald

Scripture Reading John 12:1-8

Reflection “The Imperfections of Life and Faith”
(Bloom Where You Are Planted)

Hymn of the Day **Light of Life** (Voices United 121)

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- 1 Light of life beyond conceiving,
mighty Spirit of our Lord;
give new strength to our believing,
give us faith to live your word,
give us faith to live your word.
- 2 From the dawning of creation,
you have loved us as your own;
stay with us through all temptation,
make us turn to you alone,
make us turn to you alone.
- 3 Give us eyes to see you clearly,
make us children of your light;
give us hearts to live more nearly
as your gospel shining bright,
as your gospel shining bright.
- 4 In our call to be a blessings,
may we be a blessing true;
may we live and die confessing,
Christ as Lord of all we do,
Christ as Lord of all we do.

Invitation to Offering

Offering Response **Here I Am, Lord** (Voices United 509)

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Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

Offering Prayer

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayers and The Lord's Prayer

Parting Hymn **Go Make a Diff'ence** (More Voices 209)

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Refrain Go make a diff'ence.
We can make a diff'ence.
Go make a diff'ence in the world.
Go make a diff'ence.
We can make a diff'ence,
Go make a diff'ence in the world.

- 1 We are the salt of the earth,
Called to let the people see
the love of God for you and me.
We are the light of the world,
Not to be hidden but be seen.
Go make a diff'ence in the world. *Refrain*
- 2 We are the hands of Christ
Reaching out to those in need,
The face of God for all to see.
We are the spirit of hope;
We are the voice of peace.
Go make a diff'ence in the world. *Refrain*
- 3 So let your love shine on,
let it shine for all to see.
Go make a diff'ence in the world.
And the spirit of Christ
will be with us as we go.
Go make a diff'ence in the world. *Refrain*

Sending Forth

Let us go forward into the uncertainties of life.

Let us be open to the guidance of the Spirit.

Let us go forward certain that God will calm
our spirits as we confront our fears.

Let us go forward knowing that we are not alone.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

Choral Response **Wherever You May Go** (More Voices 216)

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Wherever you may go, I will follow,
and your people shall be my people too.
Wherever you may go, I will follow,
for I would be faithful, loyal and true.

Postlude Sing to the Lord

by Lani Smith; based on "Dunlap's Creek", an early American tune

Worship Leader – Pastor Beth Parsons and Rev. Mark Collins

Music Leader – Sharon Prindle-Collins

Greeters – Marlo, Maelynn and McKinley Taylor

Welcoming – Ron Norman

Lighting of the Christ Candle – Spirit Kids

Morning Prayer – Jiemei Li

Spirit Kids Program – Grace Cave and Moira Dennis

A Time to Wonder Music – Lynn Dennis

Scripture Reader – Ruth Schulz

Offering Invitation and Prayer – Peggy Dayton

Technical Support – Karen Clark and Melissa Nagy

Fellowship Time – Andy and the Queens of Caffeine

Flowers are offered by Ruth Schulz.