



# Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 13, 2016

## THE CHURCH GATHERS TO WORSHIP GOD

CHIMING THE HOUR

WORDS OF WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS OF THE DAY

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

*(Children ages 3 yrs. – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade are invited to gather on the steps of the altar.) †*

PRELUDE.....Laurie Klein

*I Love You, Lord*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP.....Charles Kelly

Leader: God's spirit is moving among us; give thanks!  
Our God is about to do a new thing in our midst.

PEOPLE: **HOW GOOD IT IS TO BE CHOSEN BY GOD;  
WE GATHER TO SING OUR PRAISES AND THANKS.**

Leader: God has done great things for us; we are glad!  
Now God is pointing us toward new goals.

PEOPLE: **WE ARE WAITING TO HEAR WHAT GOD WOULD HAVE US DO;  
WE ARE READY TO RISK NEW BEHAVIORS TO BE FAITHFUL.**

Leader: Into the wilderness of our lives comes living water.  
Into the sorrow of our days comes reason for joy.

UNISON: **FORGETTING WHAT LIES BEHIND, WE GREET OUR FUTURE;  
WE PRESS ON, RESPONDING TO THE UPWARD CALL OF CHRIST.**

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST.....Grant Gonsalves

\*WORSHIP HYMN.....Jim Strathdee

*A Wilderness Wandering People*

\*INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

Powerful God, we give thanks that You have called us to be Your people. In our times of gloom, You have sent Your light. When we are weary and discouraged, You lift us up. In our thirst for meaning and purpose, You bring us to living water in Jesus Christ. Set before us now the joy of discovery and a vision of future possibilities. Unite us in friendship with one another, with Christ as our center and inspiration. We ask these things in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray, saying, "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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil; for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever and ever." Amen.

\*GLORIA PATRI.....CH. 35

*Glory Be to the Father*

## THE CHURCH PROCLAIMS THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST READING (pg. 586).....Isaiah 43:16-21

ANTHEM.....J. S. Bach

*Jesus, My Lord, My God, My All*

SECOND READING (pg. 874).....John 12:1-8

MESSAGE.....Pastor Mark E. Poindexter

SILENT MEDITATION

MORNING PRAYER

BROWN BAG DEDICATION.....Cheryl Jarvis & Betty McCrickard

## THE CHURCH COMES TOGETHER AT THE LORD'S TABLE

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

OFFERTORY.....Charles Converse

*What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Beneficent God, we are glad for all the good things You have done for us. We count everything as loss before the surpassing value of knowing Jesus Christ. Receive our costly offerings and our best efforts, here dedicated for Your use. May Christ be proclaimed and the poor be saved from the terrors of suffering and neglect. Fill the hearts of all Your children with laughter and joy. To that end, bless our offerings. Amen.

GIVE THANKS.....CH. 528

*Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart*

COMMUNION INVITATION

COMMUNION HYMN.....CH. 408

*Come, Share the Lord*

PRAYER FOR THE BREAD.....Cheryl Jarvis

PRAYER FOR THE CUP.....Steve Gray

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS.....Keith Green

*Oh Lord, You're Beautiful*

*The Lord's Table is open for all people. Christ has set the table before us. It is by His invitation we are fed. You may eat the bread as it is passed and drink the cup at the conclusion of the Words of Institution.*

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

**THE CHURCH GOES FORTH TO SERVE GOD IN MISSION**

**INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP**

**\*HYMN OF INVITATION.....CH. 576**

***My Faith Looks Up to Thee***

*During the singing of the Hymn of Invitation, we invite anyone wishing to become a Christian or wishing to unite with this congregation, to please come forward.*

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*TAKING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD**

**\*POSTLUDE.....Andrae Crouch**

***Soon and Very Soon***

**‡** Children Preschool – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade may attend Children, Worship & Wonder  
Youth attend LIVE BIG!

**\*PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE**

**DIACONATE SERVING TODAY**

Jimmy Jarvis, Katie Mills, Brian Mills, April Hughes



*Thank you for worshipping at West Side Christian Church today.  
We hope you received a blessing this morning, and that you will experience God's presence  
in the week ahead. We look forward to seeing you next Sunday!*



***The Welcome Loaf***

*We offer a homemade loaf of bread to first time visitors as an expression of our appreciation for your presence. Please see a greeter at the door following worship to receive your loaf.*



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