

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

April 6, 2025

10:00 am

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PERSONAL MEDITATION TIME

CALL TO WORSHIP

God makes a way out of no way. God sees our tears and turns them into joy.

God makes the impossible possible and sees the desperate needs of all people.

Come close, healing Lord, and receive our worship.

HYMN* "When God Restored Our Common Life" 74

THE TENEBRAE

The extinguishing of the fifth candle

... Let us pray together:

Loving God, we open our hearts to you, even though we do that so seldom. We invite you into our inmost being, only to find you already there. Strengthen us in our quiet places, and then lead us into the work of justice and peace. Amen.

Handchimes Choir

A WORD WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH

GOSPEL – John 12:1-8

12:1-8 Frieda Bostian "You won't always have me."

OFFERING OF MUSIC

"More Love to Thee"

Adult Choir

OLD TESTAMENT– Isaiah 43:16-21 *"I'm making a way in the desert"*

SERMON

"Way"

Rev. Dr. Linda Dickerson

SAYING WHAT WE BELIEVE

In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. And also with you. Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Therefore we join our voices with your people on earth and all the company of the heavens, saying,

Holy, holy, holy, God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

... we declare the mystery of faith, Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

... 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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen. Sharing of Bread and Cup

During the sharing of communion, you are invited to sing: Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom. Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

Prayer: God of the resurrection and the life, though we often fail, you nourish us at your table, and we are grateful. Deliver us from the bondage of sin, that we may serve you in perfect freedom and rejoice in your unfailing love. Amen.

HYMN* "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" 223

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION*

Go with God. Go with God. As you leave this place, go with God. God will direct your way, God will light every day. As you leave this place, go with God.

FELLOWSHIP TIME – All are invited!

SUNDAY SCHOOL

LENTEN SERMON SERIES April 13 – Palm/Passion Sunday – With Others April 20 – Easter - Witness