

Fifth Sunday of Lent
March 17, 2024
Youth Sunday

In Preparation for Worship

You are merciful and just in the deliverance of your people, O God. You draw us up out of the depths of distress; you incline your ear as we call on your name. Our souls rest in you and in the promise of Christ's redeeming love. Lay now your hand upon us, and draw us out by your Spirit, that we may sing praises to your name.

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude and Silent Meditation

"I Call to Thee, Lord Jesus Christ" (J. S. Bach)

Invocation

Words of Welcome and Concerns of the Church

Call to Worship

Leader: O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise.

People: Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

Leader: The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

People: Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.

Invocation and Lord's Prayer

*Hymn of Praise

"O Jesus, I Have Promised" #724

* Unison Prayer of Confession: O God of forgiveness, we pray for new life as we confess our old ways. We hear of your promise amid our own sense of self-doubt. Hope is proclaimed, yet we seek guarantees. Christ calls us to obedience, but we set conditions. When called on to follow, we ask to what end. We applaud commitment, but we treasure our comfort. Forgive our reluctance to walk in newness of life.

* Assurance of Pardon

*Gloria Patri

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Dedication

Reading of the Word:

Isaiah 40:30-31

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*Doxology

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*Prayer of Dedication

Anthem

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

Anne McDonald

Supplication

Morning Prayer

"The Lord's Prayer"

Skit

Prayer Response

"I Love You, Lord"

#627

Exposition

Children's Message/Kids of the Kingdom

*Hymn

"Will You Come and Follow Me"

#726

Preaching of the Word: "The New Christian"

Prayer of Application

Consecration

*Hymn of Consecration

"Here I am, Lord"

#69

*Benediction

*Postlude

"What Wondrous Love is This" (arr. John Carter)

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* Congregation will stand if able
 Offering plate is at the entrance to sanctuary!

We are so grateful for our youth leading worship this morning. We are blessed to have such amazing young people.

FAITH

**(F) FORWARDING
 (A) ALL
 (I) ISSUES
 (T) TO
 (H) HEAVEN**