



# Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 22, 2015

## THE CHURCH GATHERS TO WORSHIP GOD

### CHIMING THE HOUR

### WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

**PRELUDE**.....Dexter  
*The Shadow of the Cross*

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**.....Jonathan Martell

Leader: Give thanks to the LORD, for God is good;

**PEOPLE: GOD'S STEADFAST LOVE ENDURES FOREVER.**

Leader: When we cry out to the LORD in times of trouble;

**PEOPLE: THE LORD SAVES US FROM DISTRESS.**

Leader: Let us thank the LORD for God's wonderful works,

**UNISON: AND TELL OF GOD'S DEEDS WITH SONGS OF JOY.**

**\*WORSHIP HYMN**.....CH. 5  
*O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

**BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST**.....Evelyn Bley

### **\*INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER**

O God of new life. Spring has finally arrived. As we continue our annual pilgrimage, marking time and the seasons, we see signs of newness of life. Yet the arrival of spring draws us closer to the cross. As we turn our hearts toward the remembrance of Your final journey to Jerusalem, we pray for Your presence. Walk with us as we seek to walk with You. Grant us understanding of the willing sacrifice, not to be exalted as an earthly high priest, but to become a savior of all. Guide us in this time of worship that we may honor Your love, and understand Your grace as we pray in the way that our Lord Jesus Christ 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. 452).....Psalm 51:1-13

**ANTHEM - Adult Choir**.....Catherwood  
*Gethsemane*

**SECOND READING** (pg. 875).....John 12:20-33

**MESSAGE**.....The Rev. Uwe C. Scharf, Ph.D.  
*"Those who Love their Life Lose it"*

### SILENT MEDITATION

### MORNING PRAYER

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

### INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

**OFFERTORY**.....Landon  
*Nearer the Cross*

### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Gracious Lord, we come bearing our gifts. We ask that You take them and use them to share and multiply Your good news. Use these resources to let all the world know that end of life is not the end. Use these resources to draw all living things to You, and to make known the hope of everlasting life. We offer this prayer, today and every day, in the spirit of gratitude and thanksgiving, in Christ's holy name. Amen.

**\*GIVE THANKS**.....CH. 46  
*Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

### COMMUNION INVITATION

**COMMUNION HYMN**.....CH. 195  
*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

**PRAYER FOR THE BREAD**.....Cheryl Jarvis

**PRAYER FOR THE CUP**.....Tony Peris

**DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS**.....Overholt  
*Song of Peace*

*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. 581**

*Near to the Heart of God*

*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.....Gillman**

*Bind Us Together*

‡ 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**

Mary Peris, Katie Mills, Christie Wells, Andrew Wells



*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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