

WE SEEK GOD'S GRACE AND GIVE THANKS

GATHERING MUSIC *Benedictus, Chromhorne en Taille* François Couperin

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, SILENCE The Rev. Dr. James Butler

The tolling Lenten Bell will call us into confession.

RESPONSIVE CONFESSION Susan Crane

The Lenten “sacrifice” that God accepts is a humble spirit and a contrite heart.

Search us, O Lord, and know our hearts; see if there is any waywardness in us.

Create in us clean hearts, O God,

And renew a right spirit within us, according to your loving kindness.

Trusting in the limitless mercies of God, we confess our sins together, praying:

We have sinned in thought, word, and deed, in what we have done and left undone.

We have not loved God with all our heart and mind and strength, neither have we

loved our neighbors as we love ourselves. We are sorry for the harm we have caused,

and the harm we failed to prevent. Forgive us, God of grace, and set us free to begin

again, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

SUNG CONFESSION (Hymn 471)

O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer. When I call, answer me.

O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer. Come, and listen to me.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

* **HYMN 439** “O My Soul, Bless Your Redeemer” STUTTGART

* **ACCLAMATION AND PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Beloved in Christ: God is with us!

We are not alone!

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

FIRST LESSON Philippians 3:4b-14 (Pew Bible, N.T. p.198)

ANTHEM *I Will Arise* arr. Alice Parker/Robert Shaw

I will arise and go to Jesus. He will embrace me in His arms. In the arms of my dear savior, O there are ten thousand charms. Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above. Praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it, mount of thy redeeming love. Come, thou fount of every blessing. Tune my heart to sing thy grace. Streams of mercy never ceasing call for songs of loudest praise.

* **GOSPEL LESSON** John 12:1-8 (Pew Bible, N.T. p.106)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SUNG BLESSING (Hymn 409, v. 3)

Here our children find a welcome in the Shepherd's flock and fold.

May we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share.

Here, the servants of the Servant seek, in worship, to explore

What it means in daily living to believe and to adore.

SERMON “When Mary Splurged” Dr. Butler

“She anointed his feet with expensive perfume and wiped them with her hair.”

WE PRAY AND OFFER OUR GIFTS

* **HYMN 201** “A Prophet Woman Broke a Jar” HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

OFFERTORY *Communion* César Franck

* **DOXOLOGY** (Hymn 606)

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

* **INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION** *(The liturgy continues on the insert)*

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

* **HYMN 504** “We Come as Guests Invited” WIE LIEBLICH IST DER MAIEN

* **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

* **DEPARTING MUSIC** *Judge Not* Clay Christiansen
The people are welcome to depart or remain seated while the Departing Music is played.

Our Mission

To extend the gracious welcome of God in Jesus Christ through worship,
service and spiritual growth in a supportive community of faith.

Staff

The Rev. Dr. James Butler, Pastor
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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Fifth Sunday in Lent

April 6, 2025

10 a.m.
