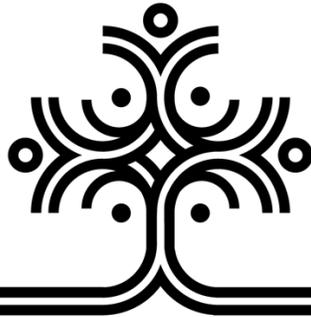


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5th Sunday in Lent

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WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Ah, Holy Jesus
HERZLIEBSTER JESU; Johann Crüger; Arr. Cathy Moglebust
12-Bell Handbell Ensemble

*** CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C **Amen.**

P Let us confess our sin before God, who removes our guilt and blots out all offenses.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Gracious God,

C **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

P For seeking worldly delights that deceive us and dishonor you:
Gracious God,

C **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

P For desiring self-reliance instead of hungering for your word:
Gracious God,

C **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

P For failing to recognize your coming reign,
and for hindering the work of the Spirit: Gracious God,

C **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

P For drawing from the well of self-serving ambition,
and for disdain the living water Christ offers: Gracious God,

C **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

P For disregarding voices from the margin,
and for distrusting signs of your healing and hope in the world:
Gracious God,
C **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

P For dwelling in tombs of self-pity and discontent,
and for disregarding Christ's call to come forth to life:
Gracious God,
C **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

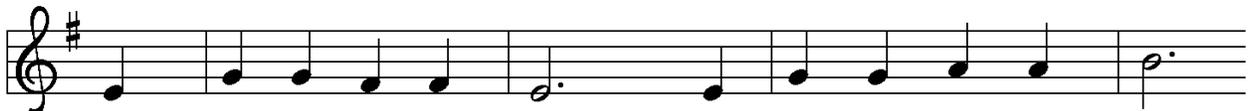
P God's steadfast love, grace, and forgiveness abound. Through faith, the free gift of God, you have been clothed in the righteousness of Christ. In the name of ✠ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. The Spirit of the One who raised Christ from the dead dwells in you, pours God's love into your hearts, and gives you life and peace.
C **Amen.**

* **GATHERING HYMN** *The Church of Christ in Every Age - ELW # 729*

* **GREETING**

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
C **And also with you.**

* **KYRIE** ELW p. 203



1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

* PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Holy One,

When you speak, we don't want to miss it. When you bend down and write in the dirt, when you move through the trees, when you wake with the dawn, when you tug on our heart, or whisper into our dreams, we don't want to miss it. So today we pray, clear out the cobwebs in our ears. Quiet the steady stream of thoughts marching through our minds. Open up space in our hearts so that we can receive your word for us today through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 37:1-14

¹ The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. ² He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. ³ He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." ⁴ Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. ⁵ Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶ I will lay sinews on you and will cause flesh to come upon you and cover you with skin and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the LORD."

⁷ So I prophesied as I had been commanded, and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. ⁸ I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them, but there was no breath in them. ⁹ Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." ¹⁰ I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

¹¹ Then he said to me, “Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, ‘Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.’ ¹² Therefore prophesy and say to them: Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves and bring you up from your graves, O my people, and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. ¹³ And you shall know that I am the LORD when I open your graves and bring you up from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴ I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act, says the LORD.”

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING: Romans 8:6-11

⁶ To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace.

⁷ For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God’s law—indeed, it cannot, ⁸ and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

⁹ But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰ But if Christ is in you, then the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness.

¹¹ If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

*** LENTEN ACCLAMATION**

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We are turn - ing, Lord, to hear you; you are mer - ci - ful and kind -



slow to an - ger, rich in bless - ing, and with love to us in - clined.

*** THE HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 23:23-28**

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the twenty-third:

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

²³“Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you tithe mint, dill, and cumin and have neglected the weightier matters of the law: justice and mercy and faith. It is these you ought to have practiced without neglecting the others. ²⁴You blind guides! You strain out a gnat but swallow a camel!

²⁵“Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you clean the outside of the cup and of the plate, but inside they are full of greed and self-indulgence. ²⁶You blind Pharisee! First clean the inside of the cup and of the plate, so that the outside also may become clean.

²⁷“Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like whitewashed tombs, which on the outside look beautiful but inside are full of the bones of the dead and of all kinds of uncleanness. ²⁸So you also on the outside look righteous to others, but inside you are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness.

P The Gospel of our Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

CHILDREN’S SERMON

Charlene Rineer

SERMON

The Rev. Justin Lingenfelter

* HYMN OF THE DAY

Let Us Remember

What is im - por - tant? What mat - ters more?
We've been shown mer - cy all of our lives
Fol - low - ing Je - sus, liv - ing in truth
What does the Lord re - qui - re of us?

[2]

Hu - man con - nec - tion or keep - ing score? In our pur - suit
By the cre - a - tor of hu - man - kind So when we're in
We re - main faith - ful to our roots When those roots lead
To re - main hum - ble, lov - ing, and just Keep - ing the heart

[5]

of jus - tice and truth Let us re - mem - ber: we fall short, too
a po - si - tion to judge Let us re - mem - ber: they're just like us
us out - side the lines Let us re - mem - ber: faith is a - live
of the gos - pel in mind Let us re - mem - ber: do what is right

*** THE NICENE CREED**

P Living together in trust and hope with believers around the world, we confess our common faith:

C We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

* PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

A Reconciled by God's mercy and sustained by God's presence, let us pray for the world and its needs.

A brief silence.

P We pray for the church. Grant life and peace to all who gather in your name. Breathe into us so that we may share your message of forgiveness, hope, and love. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

A We pray for creation. Renew landscapes that have dried up, prosper the work of those who restore homes and habitats after natural disasters, and sustain places where biodiversity thrives. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

P We pray for the nations. Unbind leaders trapped by fear to act boldly for justice, free all who live in places of war and violence, and guide refugees and asylum seekers to safety. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

A We pray for all people in need. Take away the stone of poverty that weighs down so many. Console any who weep and heal all who are sick especially those we name aloud or in our hearts (*brief pause*). Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

P We pray for this assembly. Ready the hearts and spirits of all preparing to be baptized. Deepen our wonder at the mystery of your resurrection and life. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A We offer our thanksgiving for all people who have died in faith. Give us faith to trust in your power to redeem and save, and bring us up from our graves to life in you. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

P Receive our prayers, O God, through Jesus Christ, our strength and salvation.

C **Amen.**

* SHARING OF THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C **And also with you.**

(Worshippers are encouraged to share the greeting "Peace be with you" with one another.)

OFFERTORY INTERLUDE

Duo - Antonio De Cabezon
Joanne Vasey, organ

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* DOXOLOGY

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross - ELW # 803
Stanza 4

**Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small;
love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.**

* OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Let us pray.
O God, maker of heaven and earth, your steadfast love embraces all creation. You send rain and sunshine to nourish the earth and bring forth its bounty. Through these gifts of bread and wine, draw us into the death and life of your Son, who calls us to bear witness to the good news of his saving work. We ask this in Jesus' name.
C **Amen.**

* THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.
C **And also with you.**

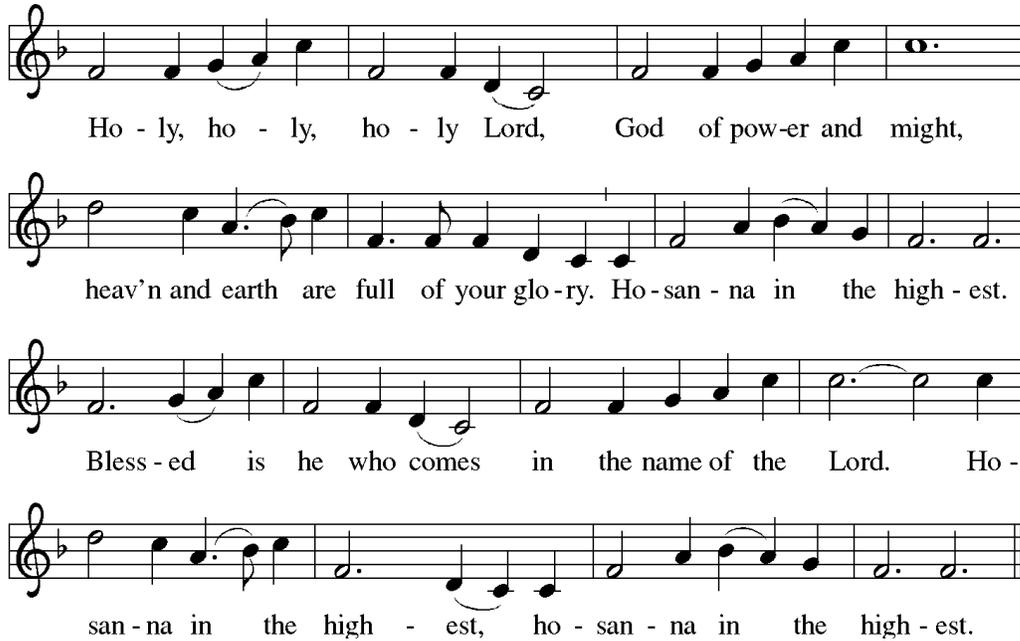
P Lift up your hearts.
C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that, renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

* SANCTUS

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

P Jesus was always the guest. In the homes of Peter and Jairus, Martha and Mary, Joanna and Susanna, he was always the guest. At the meal tables of the wealthy where he pled the case of the poor, he was always the guest. Upsetting polite company, befriending isolated people, welcoming the stranger, he was always the guest.

P But here, at this table, he is the host. Those who wish to serve him must first be served by him. Those who want to follow him must first be fed by him. For this is the table where God intends us to be nourished. This is the table where we who are broken are made whole. So, come, you who hunger and thirst for a deeper faith, for a better life, for a fairer world. Jesus Christ, who has sat at our tables, now invites us to be guests at his.

P In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

P Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

P So now we do as Jesus did. We take this bread and wine, the produce of the earth
and fruit of human labor. In these, Jesus has promised to be present; through these,
Christ can make us whole. We ask, merciful God, that you send, in kindness, your
Holy Spirit to settle on this bread and wine and fill them with the fullness of Jesus.
Let that same Spirit rest on us, call us from the folly of this world, until in wisdom,
we conform to the shape of him whose food we now share.

P All this we ask through your son, Jesus Christ. By him, with him, and in him, in the
unity of the Holy Spirit, All honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and
forever.

C **Amen.**

*** THE LORD'S PRAYER**

P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us saying:

C **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;
and 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.**

*** INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

P Come to the table. Feast on God's goodness and mercy.

C **Thanks be to God.**



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
 2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
 3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer - cy now, we pray.
 you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer - cy now, we pray.
 e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

COMMUNION ANTHEM

When the Poor Ones

Text: Jose Antonio Olivar Music: Miguel Manzano
 Brandy Aguirre, vocals & tambourine Joanne Vasey, piano

COMMUNION HYMN

Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service - ELW # 712

*** POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

P May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C Amen.

*** POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

A Let us pray.

God of salvation, we give you thanks for this meal that restores our souls, reconciles us to you, and strengthens us for the journey. Through the body and blood of your Son, may we become Christ's body in the world, bearing witness to you good news for all creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

*** BENEDICTION**

P Receive the blessing of the holy Trinity: God, who calls all things into existence, Jesus Christ, who redeems us, and the Holy Spirit, whose breath sustains creation, ✠ bless you now and always.

C Amen.

*** SENDING HYMN**

Let Streams of Living Justice - ELW # 710

*** DISMISSAL**

P Go in peace. Believe the good news.

C **Thanks be to God.**

*** POSTLUDE**

*To God Be The Glory - Johannes Brahms; Arr. Lee Rogers
(A Theme from the First Symphony)
Joanne Vasey, organ*

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THANKS to the 12-Bell Handbell Ensemble and Brandy Aguirre for providing today's anthems for worship.

This **Wednesday, March 25th** will be the last Lenten dinner. It will be a **POT LUCK DINNER** with meat provided. Please bring your favorite dessert or side dish to share.

EASTER PROCESSIONAL FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH - All children and youth of CELC are welcome to join the processional during the Gathering Hymn on Easter Sunday. Children & Youth will have streamers and shakers as they join the celebration. Children are asked to gather in the atrium prior to worship. Adults are welcome to accompany the children.

There will be a **COFFEE AND PASTRY BAR** in the Atrium following the Easter service for a time of refreshment and fellowship.

March 22–29, 2026

Sunday, March 22 5 Lent Pastor Justin preaching WC Lois Diehl	9:30am Holy Communion 10:45am Kunkel/Finance 10:45am Sunday School 6:00pm –8:00pm UYG Movie Night @ Beaver UMC
Monday, March 23	Easter Flower Orders Due 10:30am Funeral for Alice Rickenbach - Visitation 9:30 6:00pm –9:00pm Trout Unlimited - LCH 7:00pm –8:00pm Al-Anon-YR
Tuesday, March 24	9:15am Assemble April newsletter 9:30am Synod Meeting - Conf. Room 6:30pm Council meeting 6:30pm Lenten Study - UIC
Wednesday, March 25	9:00am Holy Sew 'N' Sews-LCH 12:00pm Soup & Scripture - Presbyterian Church Lwbg. 6:00pm Lenten Dinner/Holden Prayer Service
Thursday, March 26	9:30am Ladies Bible Study - Rm. 204-206 11:00am Lent Reflections Brunch @ Silvermoon 6:00pm Ladies Bible Study - Rm. 204-206
Friday, March 27	
Saturday, March 28	
Sunday, March 29 Palm Sunday Pastor Katy preaching	9:30am Holy Communion 10:45am Sunday School 3:00pm –5:00pm Taste of Camp - CML 6:00pm –8:00pm UYG Easter Escape Room @ 1st Baptist

ATTENDANCE: March 15, 2026: 9:30am: 85

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