

March 17, 2024
Fifth Sunday in Lent

Children and youth are dismissed to Sunday School

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON James 4:1-8 N.T. page 181

PRELUDE "Serenade" Schubert

INVITATION TO OFFERING John 12:24

RESPONSE TO SCRIPTURE 1 Cor. 1:23-25

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY "Holy Lamb of God" YA HAMALALLAH

We proclaim Christ crucified —
the wisdom and power of God.
Thanks be to God.

OPENING SENTENCES

From water to wilderness:
**God's covenant continues;
God's kingdom comes near.**
On stone and in hearts:
**God's covenant continues;
God's kingdom comes near.**
From the ancestor of nations to the Son lifted up:
**God's covenant continues;
God's kingdom comes near.**
We follow Jesus on the Lenten path,
for where he is, we would be also.
Let us worship God!

John 12:26

+RESPONSE: GTG #606 OLD HUNDREDTH
"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

SPECIAL MUSIC "Romance" Liszt

PRAYER OF THE DAY Jer. 31:33; John 12:32

+HYMN: GTG #223 "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" HAMBURG

+PRAYER OF DEDICATION Gen. 14:18; Heb. 5:5, 6, 9

SERMON The Lord's Prayer, Part 5: Rev. Dr. Jim Hegedus
"Deliver Us from Evil"

CALL TO CONFESSION Ps. 51:10

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Ps. 119:10; Jer. 31:34; Ps. 119:15b
Redeeming God,
we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart,
and have not loved our neighbors as we ought;
we have strayed from your commandments.
Do not remember our sins, but forgive our iniquities,
that we may fix our eyes on you and sin no more,
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from The Heidelberg Catechism
(Germany, 1563)

+HYMN: GTG #724 "O Jesus, I Have Promised" ANGEL'S STORY

65. It is through faith alone that we share in Christ and all his
benefits: where then does that faith come from?

**The Holy Spirit produces it in our hearts by the preaching of
the holy gospel, and confirms it by the use of the holy sacraments.**

+CHARGE John 12:26

Jesus said, "Whoever serves me must follow me,
and where I am, there will my servant be also."
Go in peace to love and serve Christ.
Amen.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Ps. 119:10-11, 15

PSALM Psalm 51:1-12
Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

+BLESSING Jer. 31:33

May God, whose hand has written the law of love upon your heart,
fill you with peace from deep within
and the commitment to live in harmony.
And the blessing of God, who loves, forgives, and calls us home,
be with you now and always.
Alleluia!

**Wash me through and through from my wickedness,
and cleanse me from my sin.**

For I know my offenses,
and my sin is ever before me.

**Against you only have I sinned
and done what is evil in your sight;
so you are justified when you speak
and right in your judgment.**

POSTLUDE "Intermezzo in e" Ponce

Indeed, I was born steeped in wickedness,
a sinner from my mother's womb.
**Indeed, you delight in truth deep within me,
and would have me know wisdom deep within.**

**You are invited to join us
for fellowship and refreshments
after worship in the Memorial Room.**
It is not necessary to remain seated during the postlude.

Remove my sins with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be purer than snow.
**Let me hear joy and gladness;
that the body you have broken may rejoice.**

SERVING US TODAY
Liturgist: Rev. Bill Pinches
Greeters: Ron Dlouhy and Jane Hamelink
Next Week's Greeters: Ginnie Gibson and Will Ozee
Sound: Marty Subject
Livestream: Tami Chapman
Security: Doreen Chapman

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

... May you delight in the joy of your salvation.
Thanks be to God! Amen.

HYMN: GTG #418 SOFTLY AND TENDERLY
"Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling"

Hide your face from my sins,
and blot out all my wickedness.
**Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.**

Today's flowers are given by

Tammy and Steve Sowles
in memory of
Spencer Sowles
and by
Donna Hujsak
in memory of
Bill Hujsak

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION Heb. 5:7, 9

... Create in us a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within us.

Cast me not away from your presence,
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
**Restore to me the joy of your salvation
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

GOSPEL LESSON John 12:20-33 N.T. page 81

MESSAGE FOR THE CHILDREN Sandy Diehl

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Job 1:1-12 O.T. page 354

CHURCH HISTORY IN MINIATURE

#76. 2 Peter:

Now under arrest in Rome and awaiting execution, Peter may have written this letter as a final testament to Christians in Asia Minor, with help from a scribe. (c. AD 63-65)

THE STUDY CATECHISM

Question 131. What is meant by the fifth petition, “Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us”?

We pray that a new and right spirit will be put within us. We ask for the grace to treat others, especially those who harm us, with the same mercy that we have received from God. We remember that not one day goes by when we do not need to turn humbly to God for our own forgiveness. We know that our reception of this forgiveness can be blocked by our unwillingness to forgive others. We ask that we will not delight in doing evil, nor in avenging any wrong, but that we will survive all cruelty without bitterness, and overcome evil with good, so that our hearts will be knit together with the mercy and forgiveness of God.

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EVENTS THIS WEEK

Today	Adult Sunday School	11:15 am
Wednesday	Lunch Packing for Advent House	10:30 am
	Prayer Fellowship (Chapel)	12:00 pm
	Wonderful Wednesday (<i>children/youth</i>)	4:00 pm
	Wednesday Night Dinner	6:00 pm
	Bell Choir Rehearsal	6:30 pm
	Choir Rehearsal	7:10 pm
Thursday	Session	7:00 pm
Friday	Church Office closed / Pastor’s Sabbath	

BIRTHDAYS

Brenda Strayer	Mar. 18
Luke Mackey	Mar. 20
Violet Mackey	Mar. 20
Dan Baker	Mar. 21
Shirley Day	Mar. 22

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Job and His Friends
by Ilya Repin, 1869

*The fruit of the Spirit
is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity,
faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.
(Galatians 5:22-23)*