

**April 6, 2025**  
**Fifth Sunday in Lent**

**PRELUDE** “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” arr. Nielson

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**INTROIT** “Great Is Thy Faithfulness” arr. Kinyon  
Sanctuary Bells

**OPENING SENTENCES**

We gather, seeking to follow God’s call wherever it may lead us.

**Together, we make the journey of faith.**

Through transitions and turning points, through questions and doubts,  
we are not alone.

**Together, in life and in death, we belong to God.**

Whoever we have been, whoever we are today,  
and whoever we will be tomorrow,

**Together, let us worship God!**

+ **HYMN: GTG #757** “Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples” KINGSFOLD

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Patient and loving God, we confess that our love for you, neighbor, and self are not what they could be. We focus more on our own interests or insecurities than on the needs of others. We seek comfort in systems that harm people and the planet. We are tied up in practices based in fear, scarcity, and power over others, rather than in love, abundance, and mutual empowerment. Forgive us and help us to keep becoming your people. Touch us with hope, that we may join you in building the world of your dreams. Pour out mercy upon us, that we may be compassionate to all who hurt. Reshape us with your love, that we may be whole. Amen.**

**SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION**

**DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

Hear the good news: God forgives us, Christ reconciles us,  
and the Spirit empowers us to grow in love.

**Thanks be to God! Amen.**

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

... We thank you, O God:

**You are making all things new.**

**HYMN: GTG #507** “Come to the Table of Grace” TABLE OF GRACE

*Younger children are dismissed to Sunday School*

**INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE** Luke 13:29; 24:30-31

**GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts!

**We lift them to the Lord!**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

...

We thank you for such wondrous love as this.

**Christ has died,**

**Christ is risen,**

**Christ will come again.**

...

**THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION** 1 Cor. 11:23-26

**COMMUNION**

*All are welcome at the table of the Lord.  
Partake of the bread when it comes to you,  
mindful of your communion with Christ.  
Hold the cup and we will all drink together,  
mindful of our communion with one another.*

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**Thank you, gracious God,  
for giving us bread for the journey  
of these forty days.**

**As we travel on through the wilderness  
help us to share your grace with others  
and draw us ever closer to you;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Older children and youth are dismissed to Sunday School*

**INVITATION TO OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY** “Kum Ba Yah” arr. Strohman and Schaum

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

+ **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

+ **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** from *The Confession of 1967*  
(United States)

**12. The reconciling act of God in Jesus Christ exposes the evil in people as sin in the sight of God. In sin, people claim mastery of their own lives, turn against God and each other, and become exploiters and despoilers of the world. They lose their humanity in futile striving and are left in rebellion, despair, and isolation.**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON** Jeremiah 1:4-10 O.T. page 532  
*A prophet to the nations*

**GOSPEL LESSON** Matthew 28:16-20 N.T. page 26  
*The great commission*

**RESPONSE TO SCRIPTURE** 1 Cor. 1:23-25

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

**Thanks be to God.**

**ANTHEM** “Be Still, My Soul!” Shepperd

**REFLECTIONS** Neil Myer  
(Campus Minister, UKirk at MSU)  
“Belonging, Becoming and the UKirk Beatitudes”

+ **HYMN: GTG #761** “Called as Partners in Christ’s Service” BEECHER

+ **CHARGE**

+ **BLESSING**

**CHORAL BENEDICTION** “Kyrie” Dvořak; arr. Schram  
Translation: *Lord, Lord have mercy. Lord, Lord have mercy.  
Christ, Christ have mercy. Christ, Christ have mercy.  
Lord, Lord have mercy. Lord, Lord have mercy.*

**POSTLUDE** “Children of the Heavenly Father” arr. Nielson

**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.*

**SERVING US TODAY**

**Greeters:** Gin Gibson and Sally Hughes  
**Communion Servers:** Gin Gibson, Jane Hamelink,  
Sally Hughes, Sam Pinches, Katharine Wise  
**Next Week’s Greeters:** Greg and Suzanne Lang  
**Sound:** Marty Subject  
**Livestream:** Tami Chapman  
**Security:** Dan Baker

**Today’s flowers are given by**  
Marge and Ted Welch  
in memory of  
Florence Fletcher and Gladys Burroughs

## CHURCH HISTORY IN MINIATURE

### **#25: Famine:**

Christians in Judea suffer in a major famine. The church in Antioch sends Saul and Barnabas back to Jerusalem to provide aid.  
(Acts 11:27-30; Gal. 2:1-10) (c. AD 47)

## THE STUDY CATECHISM

**Question 51. How will God deal with the followers of other religions?**

God has made salvation available to all human beings through Jesus Christ, crucified and risen. How God will deal with those who do not know or follow Christ, but who follow another tradition, we cannot finally say. We can say, however, that God is gracious and merciful, and that God will not deal with people in any other way than we see in Jesus Christ, who came as the Savior of the world.

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### EVENTS THIS WEEK

<b>Today</b>	Adult Sunday School (Brené Brown)	11:30 am
	<i>The False White Gospel</i> Discussion	11:30 am
<b>Monday</b>	Mission Committee	4:00 pm
<b>Tuesday</b>	Friends!	3:30 pm
	Worship and Music Committee	6:00 pm
<b>Wednesday</b>	Lunch Packing for Advent House	10:15 am
	Prayer Fellowship	12:00 pm
	Wonderful Wednesday (K-12)	4:00—6:00 pm
	NO Wednesday Night Dinner (Rummage Sale)	
	Bell Choir Rehearsal	6:30 pm
	Choir Rehearsal	7:10 pm
<b>Thursday</b>	Finance Committee	8:00 am
	Spiritual Growth Committee	6:00 pm
<b>Thu.—Fri.</b>	Spring Rummage Sale	9:00 am—5:00 pm
<b>Friday</b>	Church Office closed / Pastor’s Sabbath	

### BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

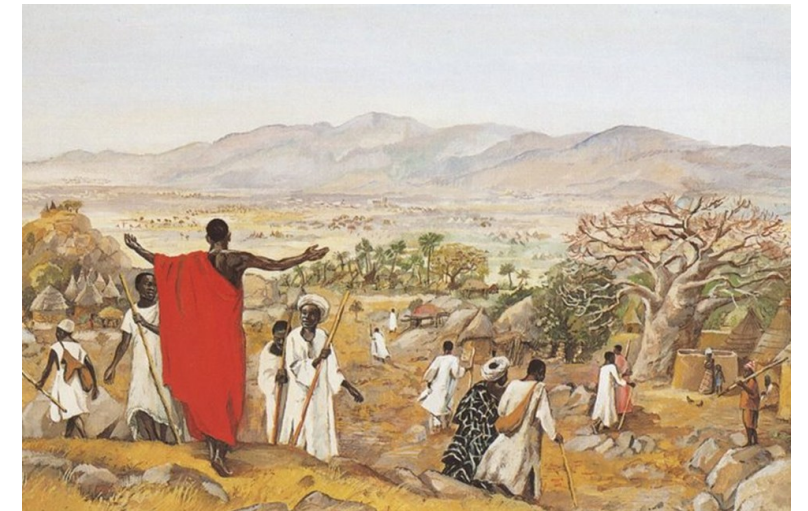
Apr. 7: Rachael Greene

April 11: Anne Slavin

April 11: Bruce Caltrider

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“As you have done to the least of these, you have done to me.”  
(Matthew 25:31-46)