

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT - APRIL 3, 2022



Faith is something that is very fragile and can be easily broken. But faith is complete trust in God, the one who made a way for Israel when there was no way. This same God will make a way for you and me. There will be trials in life, of this we can count on. But we depend more so on the faithfulness of God who sent his only Son to save us from sin and death. God understands our frailty, but he never leaves us.

A WARM WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS

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- ◆ You are here by God's calling and we extend Christ's hospitality to you this day.
- ◆ In worship, we hear God's Word, partake in the Lord's Supper, and give thanks to God in prayer and praise.
- ◆ If you receive the Lord's Supper in your home congregation, you are welcome to receive it here.
- ◆ Restrooms and a nursery are located in the backside hallway. Look for the horseshoe cross.
- ◆ Please fill out a visitor card so we can keep in touch. The Lord give you strength for daily living.
- ◆ A personal hearing aid is available if needed. Please ask a Greeter or any member for assistance.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: 9:55AM

▼ = SIT ▲ = STAND

LBW: DIVINE SERVICE ONE

WORSHIP: 10AM

MUSICIAN - KAREN WARNELL

CALL TO LENTEN REFLECTION

▼ LENTEN QUESTION FOR THE WEEK: AM I STRIVING TO BE WITH CHRIST IN HEAVEN?

"But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus."

▼ TIME OF REFLECTION: WHAT IS THE ULTIMATE GOAL OF MY LIFE? DOES MY "HEAVENWARD CALL FROM GOD" INFLUENCE ME IN ANYWAY?

▲ OPENING HYMN—"LORD, I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN" (*The choir sings the first verse and then congregation joins; PH #381*)

Lord, I want to be a Christian in-a my heart, in-a my heart, Lord, I want to be a Christian in-a my heart;
In-a my heart, (in-a my heart), In-a my heart, (in-a my heart), Lord, I want to be a Christian in-a my heart.

**Lord, I want to be more loving in-a my heart, in-a my heart, Lord, I want to be more loving in-a my heart;
In-a my heart, (in-a my heart), In-a my heart, (in-a my heart), Lord, I want to be more loving in-a my heart.**

**Lord, I want to be more holy in-a my heart, in-a my heart, Lord, I want to be more holy in-a my heart;
In-a my heart, (in-a my heart), In-a my heart, (in-a my heart), Lord, I want to be more holy in-a my heart.**

**Lord, I want to be like Jesus in-a my heart, in-a my heart, Lord, I want to be like Jesus in-a my heart;
In-a my heart, (in-a my heart), In-a my heart, (in-a my heart), Lord, I want to be like Jesus in-a my heart.**

▲ PRAYER OF THE DAY (*Spoken*)

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

P: Almighty God, our redeemer, in our weakness we have failed to be your messengers of forgiveness and hope in the world. Renew us by your Holy Spirit, that we may follow your commands and proclaim your reign of love; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

THE WORD OF GOD PROCLAIMED

▼ FIRST READING—ISAIAH 43:16-21 (*Pew Bible, p. 717*)

[The Lord, Israel's Holy One, Creator, and King (v.15) promises to his people in exile that he will gather them to himself once again (v.6) and as surely as he made a path for them through the waters of the Sea as they fled Egypt, now he will make a way in the desert providing protection and water as they return.]

▼ SECOND READING—PHILIPPIANS 3:8-14 (*Pew Bible, p. 1166*)

[St. Paul, having reviewed his life as a Pharisee (v.1-6), claims all of it was rubbish in comparison to knowing Christ. Through Christ, he has received by faith a righteousness that comes from God. Now, "forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead", Paul wants to know Christ better, share in Christ's sufferings, attain to the resurrection, and receive the prize of everlasting life and glory.]

▼ CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

▲ LENTEN VERSE (*Sung*)

Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and abounding in steadfast love.

▲ GOSPEL READING & RESPONSES—LUKE 20:9-20 (*Spoken; Pew Bible, p. 1045*)

P: The Holy Gospel from St. Luke, chapter 20. **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

P: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

[Jesus is in Jerusalem teaching in the Temple courts. The chief priests and teachers of the law begin to question his authority and are looking for a way to arrest him without stirring up the crowd. This parable alludes to Israel's history of killing the prophets and his soon-to-be death. Jesus warns them that those who oppose what God is doing through him are doomed.]

▼ SERMON

▲ HYMN OF THE DAY—"THE OLD RUGGED CROSS" (*Sung*)

**On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross, the emblem of suffering and shame;
And I love that old cross where the dearest and best for a world of lost sinners was slain. Refrain**

**O that old rugged cross, so despised by the world, ha a wondrous attraction for me;
For the dear Lamb of God left his glory above to bear it to dark Calvary. Refrain**

**In that old rugged cross, stained with blood so divine, a wondrous beauty I see,
For 'twas on that old cross Jesus suffered and died, to pardon and sanctify me. Refrain**

**To that old rugged cross I will ever be true, its shame and reproach gladly bear;
Then he'll call me some day to my home far away, where his glory forever I'll share. Refrain**

Refrain

**So I'll cherish the old rugged cross, till my trophies at last I lay down;
I will cling to the old rugged cross, and exchange it some day for a crown.**

▼ PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

(During Lent, Prayers will be spoken in the midst of the Congregation. Members may offer petitions and/or public prayer from their seat. Pastor will return to the altar to conclude the prayer)

P: The Lord has set apart the godly for himself; the Lord hears when they call to him. (*Psalms 4:3*)

C: We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your mercy through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

▲ OFFERING HYMN (*Sung, Psalm 51:10-12*)

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.

▲ OFFERING PRAYER (*Spoken*)

P: Almighty God, draw our hearts to you. **C: Use us as you will, always to your glory, as we seek the welfare of all people. Amen**

▼ ADULT CHOIR ANTHEM—"IN THE SECRET"

HOLY COMMUNION AT THE LORD'S SUPPER

▲ PREPARATION OF OUR HEARTS—CONFESSION OF SIN

P: Brothers and Sisters in Christ, St. Paul exhorts us with these words concerning the Holy Sacrament: "Let a person examine themselves...and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup" (1 Cor. 11:28). In order that we may worthily partake of the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ and receive the forgiveness he offers, let us examine our hearts and confess our sins to our merciful God.

C: O God, I confess that I have sinned against you and others by my own fault. With a humble and contrite heart, I lift to you those thoughts, words, and deeds of which I am ashamed, asking your mercy and forgiveness through Jesus Christ my Lord.

(Moment for examining one's heart)

P: God in his mercy has given his Son to die for you and for his sake forgives you all your sins. **C: Amen.**

P: Come now in faith to the holy table that you may commune with Jesus Christ, the Risen Lord.

C: O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

▲ GREAT THANKSGIVING (*Spoken*)

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 him thanks and praise.**

P: It is indeed right and salutary... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

▲ THE SANCTUS (*Sung*)

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

▲ WORDS OF INSTITUTION & THE LORD'S PRAYER (*Spoken*)

▲ AGNUS DEI (*Sung*)

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

▼ HOLY COMMUNION (*Taize hymns will be sung during the distribution. They are placed in the pew racks.*)

▲ POST-COMMUNION HYMN (*Sung; LBW #200, 1&4*)

**For the bread which you have broken, For the wine which you have poured,
For the words which you have spoken, Now we give you thanks, O Lord.**

**In your service, Lord, defend us; In our hearts keep watch and ward,
In the world to which you send us Let your kingdom come, O Lord.**

▲ POST-COMMUNION PRAYER *(Spoken)*

P: Almighty God, you gave your Son both as a sacrifice for sin and the model of the godly life. Enable us to receive him always with thanksgiving, and to conform our lives to his, through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: Amen**

▲ BENEDICTION *(Spoken)*

P: May the God who is able to keep you from falling and present you before His glorious presence strengthen you for spiritual battle through the Spirit of Christ our Lord. **C: Amen** *(Jude 1:24-25, alt)*

▲ SENDING HYMN—"LIVING FOR JESUS" *(Sung)*

**Living for Jesus a life that is true, striving to please him in all that I do,
Yielding allegiance glad hearted and free this is the pathway of blessing for me. Refrain**

**Living for Jesus who died in my place, bearing on Calvary my sin and disgrace:
Such love constrains me to answer his call, follow his leading, and give him my all. Refrain**

**Living for Jesus wherever I am, doing each duty in his holy name,
Seeking the lost ones he died to redeem, bringing the weary to find rest in him. Refrain**

Refrain

**O Jesus, Lord and Savior, I give my self to you, for your atonement did give yourself for me.
I own no other master, my heart shall be your throne: my life I give, henceforth to live, O Christ, for you alone.**

▲ DISMISSAL *(Spoken)*

P: Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith...

C: that we not grow weary nor lose heart! *(Hebrews 12:2-3)*

MUSICAL POSTLUDE—KAREN WARNELL

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