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a scent-free environment. Thanks!*

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Fifth Sunday in Lent

Please stand as you are able where indicated (*)

WE APPROACH OUR GRACIOUS GOD

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting the Christ Candle

♪♪ *Introit: "Gather Us In"—MV #7

*Greeting/Scripture Sentences/Call To Worship *Luke 9:58*

*The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit:
Be with you all!*

And also with you!

*And Jesus said: "Foxes have holes,
and the birds of the air have nests:
But the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head."*

*Now comes the march of flint
across the countryside of stone.
Now comes the night, deep within
the valley of dark shadow.*

*Now comes the shriek of violence,
the ghostly echo of betrayal.
Now the crackle of a coal fire
and the crowing of a cock.*

*Soon the sound of nails piercing
and friends weeping.
Soon only the silence of a world
pressed against its mortal fate.*

*This is your journey, O God;
it is taken in your love.
This is our journey too.*

*Following your call,
may the sounds and sights of Lent,
painful and real, be our teacher,
until the new dawn breaks.
We come in worship. Thanks be to God.*

♪♪ *Hymn: "Come Touch Our Hearts"—MV #12

Invitation to Confession

(A Time of Silence is Observed)

Litany of Confession

*Merciful God, we confess
that we have sinned against you,
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.*
**We have not loved you
with all our whole heart and mind and strength.
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.**

We are truly sorry.
**In your mercy forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be;**

*That we may delight in your will
and walk in your ways;*
Through Jesus Christ. Amen.

(A Time of Silence is Observed)

***Words of Assurance**

*God is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.*
**God has compassion for our fears and failures;
God stays with us on our Lenten journey.**

We are a forgiven people.
Thanks be to God!

♪♪***Response:** “Don’t be Afraid”—**MV #90**
(Sung Twice, First time: **Choir**, Second time: **All**)

***Sharing the Peace of Christ**

Friends, the peace of Christ be with you all!
And also with you.

Please share that peace with one another.

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

♪♪***Anthem:** ????

Children’s Time

♪♪***Hymn:** “Tell Me the Stories of Jesus”—**VU #357**

Scripture Reading: Matthew 27: 11-26

The Gospel of Christ.
Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon: “Credo, Third Series, Part Two: **Pilate**”

Now Jesus stood before the Governor...
--from Matthew 27:11

**WE RESPOND TO THE GOOD NEWS
OF THE GOSPEL**

♪♪***Hymn:** “You Are Before Me, God”—**VU #862** *Psalm 139*

Pastoral Prayers

The Lord’s Prayer (*A Paraphrase by Jim Cotter*)

**Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be.
Father and Mother of us all,
Loving God, in whom is heaven:
The hallowing of your name
echo through the universe!
The way of your justice
be followed by peoples of the world!
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom
sustain our hope and come on earth.
With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us:
and teach us to offer forgiveness
as freely as we yearn to receive it.
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From trials too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,
now and for ever. Amen.**

Invitation to the Offering

♪♪ **Offertory**

♪♪***Dedication:** “We Give Thee But Thine Own”—**VU #543**

***Litany of Dedication**

Minister: Rev Foster Freed **Music Director:** Alison Dalton

Bless the gifts we offer, O God.
Bless we who offer them.

Bless those who will be touched, in turn.
May this circle of blessings
be pleasing in your sight, O God.

Through Christ!
Amen.

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11WE DEPART TO LOVE AND SERVE OUR GOD

♪♪ *Hymn: "O World of God"—VU #258

***Sending Forth**

God of all seasons, in your pattern of things
there is a time for keeping and a time for losing;
a time for building up and a time for pulling down.

In this holy season of Lent,
as we journey to the cross,
help us to discern in our lives
what we must lay down
and what we must take up;
what we must end and what we must begin.

Give us grace to lead a disciplined life:
In glad faithfulness and with the joy
which comes from a closer walk with Christ.

Go forth now to love and to serve our God.
Thanks be to God.

♪♪ *Closing: "Go Gently, Go Lightly" —Murray/Klusmeier

Postlude