FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT
APRIL 6, 2025
11:00 AM

As a courtesy to others, please silence your phone.

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

RINGING OF THE BELLS

LIFE OF THE CHURCH Rev. Timothy T. Boggess

PRELUDE *There in God's Garden* K. Lee Scott

adapted from Psalm 27

CALL TO WORSHIP Diana Hovorka

The Lord is our light and our salvation;
whom shall we fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of our lives;
of whom shall we be afraid?
We believe that we shall see the goodness of the Lord
in the land of the living.
Wait for the Lord;
be strong, and let your heart take courage;
wait for the Lord!

***HYMN 694** *Great God of Every Blessing* AURELIA

Great God of every blessing,
of faithful, loving care,
you are the fount of goodness,
the daily bread we share.
How can we hope to thank you?
Our praise is but a start:
sincerely and completely
I offer you my heart.

Your Word is our salvation,
the source of endless grace,
in death and life extending
your covenant embrace.
In Christ we are one body;
each member has a part:
sincerely and completely
I offer you my heart.

Your Spirit is our teacher,
the light that guides our search,
transforming broken people
into the holy church.
For feeding us with mercy,
for wisdom you impart:
sincerely and completely
I offer you my heart.

* Please rise in body or in spirit.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Merciful God,
we are all too often blind to what you are
doing in the world.
We tend to see only what we expect to see,
and we don't expect much.
Forgive us.
Give us eyes to see your abundant grace
at work all around us.
And within us.

(a moment for silent reflection)

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
Thanks be to God.

***SONG OF JOY 647** *Give Thanks* GIVE THANKS

Give thanks with a grateful heart;
give thanks to the Holy One;
give thanks because we're given Jesus Christ, the Son. (repeat)

And now let the weak say,
"We are strong";
let the poor say,
"We are rich because of what the Lord has done for us!" (repeat)

Give thanks.
Give thanks.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM *Do Not Be Afraid* Philip Stopford
(The Chancel Choir)

Refrain
Do not be afraid.
Do not be afraid for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by your name: You are mine.
You are mine.

When you walk through the waters I'll be with you;
You will never sink beneath the waves.
When the fire is burning all around you,
You will never be consumed by the flames. (Refrain)

When the fear of loneliness is looming,
Then remember I am at your side.
When you dwell in the exile of a stranger,
Remember you are precious in my eyes. (Refrain)

You are mine, O my child,
I am your Father and I love you.
I love you with a perfect love. (Refrain)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

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SCRIPTURE READING Luke 19:1-10

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON *Jesus and the Zone of Proximal Development* Rev. Boggess

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

THE INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND LORD'S PRAYER

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.

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 debts,
as we forgive our debtors:
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PARTAKING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY *Lord God of Abraham* Felix Mendelssohn

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***DOXOLOGY 608** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* PRAISE GOD (Hopson)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore;
praise Triune God, whom we adore.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Apostles' Creed

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** Diana Hovorka

I believe in God the Father almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,

and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand
of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost;
the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. Amen.

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

***HYMN 847** *Our Hope, Our Life* O WALY WALY

Our hope, our life are in the Lord,
the God we honor and confess.
Why crave renown or opulence?
They fade, those things we now possess.

Some flaunt their gold; some trust its power,
but what they cherish will decay;
and still the ransom for a soul
remains a price too great to pay.

Though wealth or learning may be ours,
or fame that spreads throughout the land,
the shackles of mortality
prevent so much that we have planned.

Beyond this age of shame and sham
we glimpse a better destiny:
the Lord will lift us free from death
to dwell in praise eternally.

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION** Rev. Boggess

POSTLUDE Improvisation on "Lead On, O King Eternal" Steven Phillips

The postlude concludes our worship today. It's the custom of this congregation to sit and enter into this moment with gratitude and celebration.

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