

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

April 2, 2017

11:00 A.M.

*Together in Christ, Reaching Beyond Our Doors.*

**GATHERING IN CELEBRATION AND PRAISE**

*Thought for entering worship –*

*Christ feeds the Church, and fills us with a vision, Through praise & preaching, wine & broken bread,  
Of sharing people, doing what they've said, Who win the world's respect, or opposition. (hymn #590 UM Hymnal)*

PRELUDE

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, GETTING ACQUAINTED

MISSION MOMENT

Goodwill Street Outreach

\*PASSING CHRIST'S PEACE TO OUR NEIGHBOR

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Come and worship, all you who are looking for God here -  
outsiders and insiders, old-timers and new-comers, young, old, optimistic,  
worn-out, and in-between. Come as you are, for this is God's house -  
a house of prayer for all people, and God welcomes each one who comes.

**ALL: We come as a diverse crowd, but we are welcome in this church.  
May we find in this hour a taste of God's Reign among God's people.**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE

"The Church's One Foundation"

No. 545 vss. 1,2,5

A TIME TO CELEBRATE OUR CHILDREN

"Where Children Belong"

(congregation sings)

***This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of the worshipping throng.  
Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song: This is where children belong.***

**CONNECTING WITH GOD IN PRAYER**

CALL TO PRAYER

"As a Fire is Meant for Burning"

No. 2237

***We are learners, we are teachers; we are pilgrims on the way. We are seekers, we are givers; we are vessels  
made of clay. By our gentle, loving actions we would show that Christ is light. In a humble, listening Spirit we  
would live to God's delight.***

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

**Voice #1:** Gracious God, You are a God of hospitality. You have invited all to your home, to your table, and to your arms. Lord, would that all might hear and receive this good news. Help us to remember that no one is better than anyone else in your Kingdom. Help us to then treat each other the way you treat people.

**Voice #2:** Generous God, Because you treat us with your tender love,  
We take time to pray for our friends, family, adversaries, political figures (space for silence) and others who need you more than ever.

**ALL: Gifting God, You give us the gifts of the Spirit to help further your Kingdom and to be the Body of Christ in this wounded & beautiful world.**

**O Spirit, enlarge our vision to be a reminder of Christ in this place. For we are his Church, inspired to pray as he taught us...**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

No. 895

**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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**PROCLAMATION IN WORD AND SONG**

CHORAL ANTHEM

"Lest I Forget Thy Love"

Craig Courtney

Lest I forget thy love. King of my life, I crown thee now, thine shall the glory be; lest I forget thy thorn-crowned brow, lead me to Calvary. Show me the tomb where thou wast laid, tenderly mourned and wept; angels in robes of light arrayed guarded thee while thou slept. Lest I forget Gethsemane, lest I forget thine agony, lest I forget thy love for me, lead me to Calvary. Let me, like Mary through the gloom, come with a gift to thee; show to me now the empty tomb, leave me to Calvary. May I be willing, Lord to bear daily my cross for thee; even thy cup of grief to share, thou hast borne all for me. Lest I forget thy love.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Acts 2:43-47; Acts 5: 7-8

NT p. 119; 122)

Leader: The Word of God. **All: For the People of God.** Leader: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

*Lenten Sermon Series—Credo:*

"I Believe in The Church"

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

(see insert)

All are welcome at the Lord's Table. Come forward as directed, where you will be given a piece of bread and which you may dip in the cup (gluten-free bread is also available). Please let an usher know if you cannot come forward so the elements can be brought to you. **During this time you are invited to bring your offering forward to the plates available on the chancel.** Those in the balcony may remain seated, servers will come to you. Our Stephen Ministers will be in the back of the sanctuary to offer a blessing prayer. You may stop there before or after receiving communion.

\*Doxology

No. 94

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

\*Prayer over the Gifts

**GOING FORTH TO SERVE**

\*HYMN OF GOING FORTH

"Christ Loves the Church"

No. 590

\*BLESSING

\*CHORAL BENEDICTION

"May God Keep You Forever"

Brenda Henegar

\*POSTLUDE