

A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

The Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 29, 2020

8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

*All who are able may stand.

Bold type spoken by the congregation

GATHERING. . .

The Prelude

Arioso

Henry Kihlken

The Welcome and Announcements

The Introit

The Call To Worship

(from *Psalms 130*)

Out of the depths I cry to You, O Lord, hear my Voice!
Let Your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication!
**If You, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand?
But there is forgiveness with You, so that You may be revered.**
Hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love,
and great power to redeem.

I wait for the Lord, my soul waits; and in the word of the Lord I hope.

The Prayer of Adoration

You are merciful and just in the deliverance of Your people, O God. You draw us up out of the depths of distress; You incline Your ear as we call on Your Name. Our souls rest in You and in the promise of Christ's redeeming love. Lay now Your hand upon us, and draw us out by Your Spirit, that we may sing praises to Your Name. Glory to You, O God – our Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer. Amen.

*The Hymn 805

Come Sing to God

*Come sing to God, O living saints; sing praises to God's name.
God's anger is not permanent; God's love will never wane.
Though tears may tarry for the night with sighs of deepest pain,
Yet joy comes with the morning sun, peace that is not vain.
In my success I felt secure; how good you've been to me.
I said that this is my own work, ascribing all to me.
But when you turned aside your face, my life was filled with fears.
I begged for help; to you I cried with loud and bitter tears.
You change my grief to joy-filled dance; my sorrows you destroy.
In faithfulness you hear my cry and fill my life with joy.
And so to you my heart shall sing; my voice your goodness raise.
You are my God, forevermore. My life shall sing your praise*

*The Prayer of Confession

You called us to life in the Spirit, yet we seek to satisfy the flesh. We call You gracious, yet we practice greed. We praise You with our lips, O God, yet do not honor You in our lives. Discontent consumes us as we yearn for still more things. We know that to live by Your grace promises inheritance of new life. Redeem us from our enslavement to corruptible desires, that we may be worthy to be called righteous in Christ ...(time for silent confession)...

*The Assurance of Pardon

God is gracious, righteous, and merciful.
God delivers us from death, dries our tears, keeps us from stumbling.
Believe the Gospel.
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Alleluia! Amen.

*The Gloria Patri

p. 581 in the Hymnal

*The Peace and Greeting
The peace of Christ be with you all. **And also with you!**

TO HEAR THE WORD OF GOD. . .

The Prayer for Illumination

The Gospel Lesson: *John 11:1-45*

p. 127 in the pew Bible

The Epistle Lesson: *Romans 8:6-11*

p. 191 in the pew Bible

The Anthem

Just a Closer Walk With Thee

Ed Lojeski, arr.

Chris Fisher, Mary Ann Casey, Larry Casey, Roy Jarnecke
I am weak but Thou art strong. Jesus keep me from all wrong.
I'll be satisfied as long as I walk. Let me walk, close to Thee.
Through this world of toil and snares. Who with me my burden shares?
None but Thee, Dear Lord, none but Thee.
Just a closer walk with Thee, Jesus, grant my humble plea!
Daily walking close to Thee, Close to Thee, Let it be, Dear Lord, let it be.
When the journey here is o'er, Time for me will be no more.
Guide me to Thy distant shore. To Thy shore, Dear Lord, to Thy shore.

The Old Testament Lesson: *Ezekiel 37:1-14*

p. 987 in the pew Bible

The Psalter Lesson: *Psalms 130*

p. 705 in the pew Bible

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The Sermon

No Way Can That Be!
Allen H. Fisher, Jr.

TO RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD. . .

*The Apostles' Creed

p. 35 in the Hymnal

The Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession
The Lord's Prayer

p. 35 in the Hymnal

TO GO FORTH AND SERVE IN GOD'S NAME . . .

*The Hymn 53

O God, Who Gives Us Life

O God who gives us life and breath, who shapes us in the womb,
who guards our lives from birth to death, then leads us from the tomb:
deliver us from fears that kill the life we have from you;
help us to know your Spirit still is making all things new.
O God who calls your people out to venture and to dare,
to plumb the bleak abyss of doubt and find you even there:
when we despair in wandering through wastes of empty lies,
refresh us with the living spring of hope that never dies.
O God of covenant and law, revealed in cloud and flame,
your mighty deeds evoke our awe; we dare not speak your Name.
Yet we by faith are drawn to you and will your people prove,
as on our hearts you write anew the covenant of love.

*The Charge & Benediction

*The Postlude

Prelude in D Minor

J.S. Bach

Lectionary Reading for Sunday, April 5: *Liturgy of the Palms*: Matthew 21:1-11; Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29
Liturgy of the Passion: Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 31:9-16; Philippians 2:5-11; Matthew 26:14 – 27:66 or
Matthew 27:11-54