



**Fifth Sunday in Lent
March 18, 2018 10:30 a.m.**

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WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

WELCOME

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT AND LIFE

(Please use this time for preparing your mind, body and soul for worship)

CALL TO WORSHIP

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The days are surely coming.

The days are surely coming.

The days are surely coming.

The days are surely coming.

When I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and house of Judah.

A new covenant.

The days are surely coming.

The days are surely coming.

It will not be like the covenant that I made with your ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt – a covenant you broke, though I was your husband.

A new covenant.

A new covenant.

Not like the covenant we broke.

Not like the covenant you broke.

But this is the covenant I will make with the house of Israel after those days”

I will put my law within you...

Your law will be within us.

I will write it on your hearts; I will be your God.

You will be our God.

You will be my people.

We will be your people.

No longer will you teach one another, or say to each other,

“Know the LORD,” for you will all know me,

We will all know you.

You will all know me from the least among you to the greatest;

for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

You will continually forgive us. These days are surely coming?

These days are *surely* coming.

These days are surely coming.

*OPENING HYMN

"Hallelujah"

#3027 W&S

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

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Hope of the world, Hope of all hearts, our hope remains in you especially when hope seems hard. Speak to us through your word. Come to us at your table. And sustain us in the hope of the covenant you have written on our hearts. AMEN.

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 51:1-12

SCRIPTURE

Jeremiah 31:31-34; Hebrews 5:5-10; Mark 3:7-12

CHORAL ANTHEM

"Come Share the Feast"

CHILDREN'S HYMN

"Shine, Jesus, Shine" (refrain only)

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CHILDREN'S MOMENT

A Surprise Teaching

SERMON

BAM! They Come to Him

TIME OF REFLECTION

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

"Lead Me Lord"

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Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righteousness;
Make thy way plain before my face.
For it is thou, Lord, thou, Lord only,
That makest me dwell in safety.

INVITATION

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin to God.

COFESSION

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Compassionate Lord, forgive us when we falter on the Lenten pathway; when the road ahead seems too uncertain and we are afraid. We admit that following Jesus is not an easy task. Jesus requires our whole lives and we hesitate and hold back. Draw us back to you, Lord. Give us confidence and courage to face the future with hope. Let us place our trust in you that the message of peace and mercy you have given to us through Jesus Christ may be offered to others through our own witness to your healing mercy. In Jesus' Name, we pray. AMEN.

ASSURANCE

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Even though the future is clouded;
God is with us, guiding, healing, comforting, restoring.

Rejoice! In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and healed.

AMEN.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our God 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

GREAT THANKSGIVING

GIVING OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP

WE TAKE GOD'S WORD WITH US INTO THE WORLD

*CLOSING HYMN

"I Surrender All" (vs 1,2,4)

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*BENEDICTION

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Fix your eyes on the Lord.
Place your hand in His Hand, trusting in his guiding and comfort.
Go into this world, that needs Jesus' words of healing love,
and bring the good news of God's absolute love
and presence to all people.
Go in peace. **AMEN.**

*POSTLUDE

† = Please bring your offering with you as you come to Communion, the offering plates will be up front or. If you choose not to receive Communion, there will be an offering plate available as you leave the sanctuary. Thank you!

***We welcome you as children of God.
We hope in this place you will experience God's love and grace.***

- * Indicates you are to stand as you are able in praise of God.
- There is also nursery care **for children under 5.**
- **There are large print hymnals available on the table in the Narthex (ask an usher).**
- Our beginning ritual symbolizes the light of Christ, the flames of the Holy Spirit and the baptismal water signifying the unconditional love of God.