

5th Sunday in Lent

March 21, 2021

10:00am

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Gathering and Welcome

Prelude

Call to Worship

One: Let us worship God, for whom our souls thirst and our bodies long.

**All: Listen, listen to me, and your soul will delight in the richest of fare.**

One: We have come to hear the Word God has sent.

**All: God's Word will not return empty but will accomplish through us his holy purpose.**

One: Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

**All: Then we will go out with joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and the hills will sing; the trees of the field will clap their hands.**

Opening Hymn

"Near to the Heart of God"

No. 472

Opening Prayer

**Journey with us, O holy God, as we continue our way to the cross. Sharpen our focus, that our attention may center more on you than ourselves. Lead us through the shadows of darkness and prepare our hearts, that we might be a people of prayer, ready to perceive and respond to your Son and our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Joys and Concerns

Silent Prayer

Prayer of Confession

**The proof of God's amazing love is this: while we were sinners, Christ died for us. Because we have faith in him, we dare to approach God with confidence, trusting that God will forgive our sin and cleanse us from every kind of wrong.**

**Let us confess our sins to almighty God.**

Assurance of Pardon

Special Music

Scripture Reading

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Hymn of Preparation

"This is a Day of New Beginnings"

No. 383

Scripture Reading

John 12:20-33

Sermon

Recognizing Jesus

Pastor Sam

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Closing Hymn

"Lift High the Cross"

No. 159

Thank You

Blessing and Benediction

Postlude

**Large print bulletins and hymnals are available. If you would like one, please see an usher.**