

WORSHIP SERVICE

March 21, 2021

Fifth Sunday in Lent

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome

* God's Greeting

* We Greet One Another

* Call to Worship: Psalm 62 1-2,5-8

Truly my soul finds rest in God; my salvation comes from him.

**Truly he is my rock and my salvation;
he is my fortress, I will never be shaken.**

Yes, my soul, find rest in God;
my hope comes from him.

**Truly he is my rock and my salvation;
he is my fortress, I will not be shaken.**

My salvation and my honor depend on God;
he is my mighty rock, my refuge.

**Trust in him at all times, you people;
pour out your hearts to him, for God is our refuge.**

* Opening Song: Come into God's Presence vs. 1, 4 *Sing! A New Creation #3*

Come into God's Presence singing,

"Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia."

Come into God's Presence singing,

"Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God."

* Opening prayer

WE ARE RECONCILED TO GOD

Unison Prayer of Confession

**God of glory, In a world drawn
To so many lesser visions of glory,
Teach us the greater glory of Jesus,
Who did not grasp power,
Who was obedient to death,
Who did not despise the lowly,
Who stooped to wash his disciples feet,
Who loved the unlovable.**

Then help us to be formed
Into the likeness of Jesus.

**Help us,
To do nothing out of selfish ambition,
To seek the interests of others,
To love our enemies,
To be servants of your peace,
To soften our hearts in a hard world.
We pray in Jesus' name.
Amen.**

Meekness and majesty, manhood and Deity
in perfect harmony, the Man who is God.
Lord of eternity dwells in humanity,
kneels in humility, and washes our feet.
Oh, what a mystery meekness and majesty;
bow down and worship, for this is your God.
Father's pure radiance, perfect in innocence,
yet learns obedience to death on a cross,
suffering to give us life, conquering through sacrifice,
and, as they crucify, prays, "Father, forgive."
Oh, what a mystery meekness and majesty;
bow down and worship, for this is your God.
Wisdom unsearchable, God the invisible,
Love indestructible in frailty appears.
Lord of infinity, stooping so tenderly,
Lifts out Humanity to the heights of his throne.
Oh, what a mystery meekness and majesty;
bow down and worship, for this is your God.

Congregational Prayer

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading: John 13:1-13

13 It was just before the Passover Festival. Jesus knew that the hour had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. **2** The evening meal was in progress, and the devil had already prompted Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot, to betray Jesus. **3** Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God; **4** so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. **5** After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him. **6** He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" **7** Jesus replied, "You do not realize now what I am doing, but later you will understand." **8** "No," said Peter, "you shall never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no part with me." **9** "Then, Lord," Simon Peter replied, "not just my feet but my hands and my head as well!" **10** Jesus answered, "Those who have had a bath need only to wash their feet; their whole body is clean. And you are clean, though not every one of you." **11** For he knew who was going to betray him, and that was why he said not every one was clean. **12** When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. "Do you understand what I have done for you?" he asked them. **13** "You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and rightly so, for that is what I am.

Message: Questions of the last week: "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?"

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer of Application

Song of Response: The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound Vs 1-3

LUYH #266

The church of Christ cannot be bound
by walls of wood or stone.
Where charity and love are found,
There can the church be known.

True faith will open up the door
And step into the street.
True service will seek out the Poor
and ask to wash their feet.
True Love will not sit idly
by when justice is denied.
True mercy hears the homeless cry
and welcomes them inside.

WE DEPART TO SERVE

* Blessing

* Closing Song: The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound Vs 4-5

LUYH #266

If what we have we freely share
to meet our neighbor's need,
then we extend the spirit's care
through every selfless deed.

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by walls of wood or stone.
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There can the church be known.

*Postlude

*Please stand if you are able.

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