March 21, 2021
Fifth Sunday in Lent

Our Mission: To embody God’s love for all by living an active faith in service to others.

We Gather to Affirm God’s Presence in Our Lives

May the God we sing to, pray to, and speak to throughout the day bless you and keep you safe.

PRELUDE

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: God invites us to journey in the way of faithfulness,
All: to walk the Lenten road with Christ.
L: We journey with confidence, for Christ is with us.
All: Thanks be to God, for God’s steadfast love.

HYMN God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending verses 1-3 NCH 565

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, we confess that we have sinned against you and our neighbors in thought, word, and deed. We have done so through negligence, through weakness and through our own deliberate fault. We are sorry for what we have done and for what we have not done. For the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, forgive all that is past; and grant that we may serve You in newness of life to the glory of your name.

SILENT CONFESSION [be as specific as you wish]

WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND HOPE

If you, O God, should count iniquities ... who could stand? But there is forgiveness with you so that you may be revered. Friends, in Christ Jesus we are forgiven and made new. Praise be to God.

PRAISE

PASTORAL PRAYER
SILENT PRAYER

THE LORD’S PRAYER
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen

CHORAL AMEN

OFFERING

SPECIAL MUSIC
Ana El Na (Please, God, Heal Us) Traditional Hebrew Prayer, Adapt. Karen Siegel from the Justice Choir Songbook

SCRIPTURE READING
A Third Time Jesus Foretells His Death and Resurrection

31 Then he took the twelve aside and said to them, “See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and everything that is written about the Son of Man by the prophets will be accomplished. 32 For he will be handed over to the Gentiles; and he will be mocked and insulted and spat upon. 33 After they have flogged him, they will kill him, and on the third day he will rise again.” 34 But they understood nothing about all these things; in fact, what he said was hidden from them, and they did not grasp what was said.

Jesus Heals a Blind Beggar Near Jericho

35 As he approached Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging. 36 When he heard a crowd going by, he asked what was happening. 37 They told him, “Jesus of Nazareth[3] is passing by.” 38 Then he shouted, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” 39 Those who were in front sternly ordered him to be quiet; but he shouted even more loudly, “Son of David, have mercy on me!” 40 Jesus stood still and ordered the man to be brought to him; and when he came near, he asked him, “What do you want me to do for you?” He said, “Lord, let me see again.” 42 Jesus said to him, “Receive your sight; your faith has saved you.” 43 Immediately he regained his sight and followed him, glorifying God; and all the people, when they saw it, praised God.

Jesus and Zacchaeus

19 He entered Jericho and was passing through it. 2 A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was rich. 3 He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. 4 So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. 5 When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, “Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today.” 6 So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. 7 All who saw it began to grumble and said, “He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner.” 8 Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, “Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much.” 9 Then Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham. 10 For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost.”
Jesus set his face toward Jerusalem and went that way, stopping to teach and heal but never losing sight of his journey’s end. So set our face toward you, O God. Give us the grace to stop and respond to human need and the wisdom to not lose sight of our goal. Amen.

CHORAL BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

SERVING THE CONGREGATION TODAY
Ministers: All of Us
Pastor: Alan McNamara
Organist: Travis Erikson
Singers: Grace Klonoski, Ashley Kelly, Brian Kowalski Liturgist: Linda Tillis
Video: Colleen Bredesen
Audio: Tom Spielman
Sexton: Tom Spielman

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Jesus, Remember Me

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.
What Wondrous Love Is This

1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul! O my soul! What
2 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing, to
3 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and

won-drous love is this, O my soul! What
God and to the Lamb, I will sing; To God and to the
when from death I'm free, I'll sing on! And when from death I'm

this! that Christ should come in bliss to bear the heav-y cross for my
Lamb who is the great I Am, while mil-lions join the theme, I will
free, I'll sing and joy-ful be, and through e-ter-ni-ty I'll sing

soul, for my soul, to bear the heav-y cross for my soul!
sing, I will sing; while mil-lions join the theme, I will sing.
on, I'll sing on, and through e-ter-ni-ty I'll sing on!
God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

Robert L. Edwards, 1961

1. God, whose giving knows no ending, from your rich and
   endless store, Nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, costly cross, grave's
   earth be done: All at peace in health and freedom, races joined, the
   grace conferred; Ours to use for home and kin, and to spread the
   pilgrim way; From the night of anxious keeping, loose us into

2. Skills and time are ours for serving, that your will on
   shattered door: Gifted by you, we turn to you
   Church made one. Now direct our daily labor,
   gospel Word. Open wide our hands in sharing
   generous day. Then when years on earth are over,

3. Treasure, too, you have entrusted, gain through powers your
   offering up ourselves in praise; Thankful song shall
   lest we strive for self alone; born with talents,
   as we heed Christ's ageless call, Healing, teaching,
   and we've lived our human span, God, fulfill be-

4. Lend your joy to all our giving, let it light our
   rise forever, gracious donor of our days.
   make us servants fit to answer at your throne.
   and reclaiming, honoring you by loving all.
   yond our dreaming, all our stewardship began.