

Fifth Sunday in Lent

April 6, 2025

10:30 a.m.

OUR LORD'S

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

There's a Place for You Here



GATHERING TOGETHER

For Today

The fifth Sunday in Lent offers a chance to celebrate: Lazarus is alive! God makes water spring forth from the desert! God has done great things for us! (For us? Are we the only people so blessed? What is our confidence level here? Might we want to cast some suspicion on the idea of being uniquely blessed or saved from trial?) Judas speaks judgment on Mary when she does not celebrate as everyone else does. They give a dinner, and everyone participates. Mary focuses not on the triumphal public Jesus, but on the tenderness of his body. She spends precious perfume on the occasion immediately before her, rather than selling it.

*As you view and participate in this worship please note that **bolded text** invites ALL to voice.*

Prelude "In the Garden"

arr. Lyndell Leatherman

Welcome

One voice: Good morning, Church! I see you!

ALL voices: I am here!

Graceful Engagement

*Opening Chorus "Joy Comes with the Dawn" *refrain only*

FWS 2210

*Call to Worship

Take heart! Be at peace. Breathe a breath of relief.

God frees us from the need to control.

There are so many ways to live a life.

There are so many ways to be a person.

Glory to the diversity of the planet!

Glory to the diversity of people!

*Unison Prayer

God of the Many and Multiple, You are a breath of fresh air. In a world that increasingly prizes sameness and punishes difference, we turn to You: For imagination. For freedom. For growth. You are an advocate for authenticity. A defender of life's creativity. Teach us, Holy Maker, of Your boundless love, surprising and sure. Amen.

LEARNING TOGETHER

Children's Message

And, Jesus said... **Let the children come!**

Children's Time in the Gathering Space

ALL children are invited to join together just outside the Sanctuary.

Scripture Reading Focus text: John 12:1-8 CEB

Response

The Word of God for ALL of us, God's people.
Thanks be to God!

Sermon "Repenting from One Right Way"

RESPONDING TOGETHER

(please text prayers to 414-378-4012 and Pastor Kelly will receive them)

Response Song "We're ALL On the Way" R, 1, 2, R
(see bulletin insert)

by Jacob Nault

Caring for Community Joys and Concerns

Call to Prayer "We're ALL On the Way" 3, R
(see bulletin insert)

by Jacob Nault

Pastoral Prayer

*Invitation to Giving Action

*In honor of the wild array of gifts and offerings present in this place...
In acknowledgment of all we need: softness and strength, courage and caution, material resources and spiritual resources, the wisdom of children, the wisdom of elders... We celebrate every offering that enables a community to thrive. In gratitude, let us bring what we have as we bless with song and prayer.*

**Praise the Source who gives us life.
Praise to Christ, who shares our strife.
Praise the Spirit, who sustains,
bearing us through grief and pain,
to the holy Trinity glory, praise, and honor be.**

*Blessing Prayer

Miraculous One, come and bring Your deliverance from all that traps and confines! Where evil has bound possibilities in thought or practice, being or loving, come and open what has been closed. Untie what has been bound. Release what has been caged. With all the resources we have to share, may coercion and control be far from us. Amen.

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION
(liturgy for ALL on screen)

Invitation *ALL are welcome to this Table!*

Preparing Our Hearts

*Celebration Song "Something Beautiful" 2x

UMH 394

The Great Thanksgiving

Musical Setting A UMH 17

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

...as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

...now and for ever.

Amen.

Come to the Table!

Shared Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Responsive Sending Forth

When we release others from the rigidity of our rules,
we welcome home lost parts of ourselves, too.

Life is meant to take many forms.

God celebrates each and all that lead us to flourishing.

Let us go and be astonished,

finding our belonging in the great cosmic constellation of life.

*Our Charge

*Final Blessing Respond "Yes!" after each blessing phrase and join in ALL together for the final phrase: "This day and in every day to come!"

*Closing Hymn "Trees of the Field" 2x

FWS 2279

*Postlude "Shout to the Lord"

from FWS 2074

Lectionary readings: Isaiah 43:16-21 "The Lord gives water in the wilderness"; Psalm 126 "God does great things for us"; Philippians 3:4b-14 "To know Christ and his resurrection"; John 12:1-8 "Mary anoints Jesus for his burial"

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Highlighting, with gratitude, these servant leaders for today...

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