

# Service for the Lord's Day

Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 22, 2015

As we enter, may we be reminded: *Surely, the Lord is in this place.*

## PRAYER OF PREPARATION

(each person prays silently)

*You journey with us, leading us closer to the cross, Holy One.*

*We join you by serving the broken of our world. We are your servants, O Lord. Amen. .*

## Gathering

### PRELUDE

Selected

### WELCOME

John Hillin

\*INTROIT #215 *"What Wondrous Love Is This?" (V. 1-3)*

Young, 1965

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

This is the day God has promised: the day of the new covenant.

***We are here, because our hearts are filled with love for our God.***

No longer carved on cold stone, this covenant is engraved on our hearts.

***Our hearts are open so God's Word can shape us.***

"If you wish to follow me," Jesus says, "become servants."

***Our hearts are ready to serve God and God's people.***

\*HYMN # 826

***"Lift High the Cross!"***

Newbolt, 1916

### CALL TO CONFESSION

If we want God to create new hearts within us, we must speak of the old ways in which we continue to live. If we seek God's mercy, we must confess all that keeps us from living as God's children. Join me, as we confess to the One who will forgive us. We will pray first silently, then together using the words in the bulletin.

### SILENT PRAYER

(A time of silence for personal prayer)

### UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

***Holy One, we yearn for your presence in our lives, yet turn away from you time and again. We want to serve others, but become obsessed with our own desires. We need your Word to fill our emptiness, yet we let it be silenced by the noise of our world. Our hearts are***

***clogged with the foolishness of our lives. In this silence, and in the depths of our hidden souls, come to us and make us whole, Merciful Lord. Write "grace" upon our hearts, so we might be more forgiving people; write "mercy" on our hearts, so we might become more welcoming people; write "hospitality" upon our hearts that we might become more like our Lord and Savior, who came for all people, even me. Amen.***

### LORD HAVE MERCY

Kyrie Eleison

***"Lord, have mercy upon us,  
Christ have mercy upon us, Lord have mercy upon us."***

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, if anyone is in Christ, there is a **new** creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! In the name of the Christ, we are forgiven.

***Through Christ, we are cleansed. Through Christ, we are healed. Through Christ, we become new people. Thanks be to God. Amen.***

\*GLORIA PATRI ***Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.***

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### RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

#### ANTHEM

***"I Walked Today Where Jesus Walked"***

by Geoffrey O'Hara

*Bert Lowe*

## Proclaiming

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

#### FIRST SCRIPTURE

Jeremiah 31: 31-34

Bibles, p.691 / LG. p. 899

The Word of the Lord

***Thanks be to God***

#### HYMN #707

***" Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord "***

Laufer, 1918

*March Hymn of the Month*

#### SECOND SCRIPTURE

John 12: 23-32

Bibles, p.100 / LG. p. 130

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#### SERMON

***"Dead Wheat"***

Rev. Candice L. Klein

## Responding

### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*“The church’s commission, upon which its freedom is founded, consists in delivering the message of the free grace of God to all people in Christ’s stead, and therefore in the ministry of his own Word and work through sermon and Sacrament.” This, we believe. Amen.*  
– The Theological Declaration of Barmen 8.26

### CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS OF THE PEOPLE

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### MINISTRY OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

### OFFERTORY

### \*DOXOLOGY

### \*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

## Sending

\*HYMN #223      *“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” (v 1 – 3)*      Watts, 1707

### \*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*RESPONSE #223      *“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” (v 4)*

POSTLUDE      Selected

(\* ) Those who are able may stand.  
*Bold italic letters* indicate congregational responses.

**This week’s prayers and concerns: Bill & Lsha Stanley and the Stanley family, Jane, Tolly & Diane Dill, Bob Hays, Debbie Murphy**

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday Mornings	8:30 a.m.	Choir Practice
Wednesdays	4:15-5:15	Kids for God
Mon. 03/23	11:30 a.m.	Presbyterian Women Luncheon

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