

# Service for the Lord's Day

Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 18, 2018

O Lord Almighty, blessed is the one who trusts in you.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

(each person prays silently)

*Dear God, lift us up with your word. Inspire us to reach out to others through prayer and loving service. In Jesus' name. Amen.*

## Gathering

PRELUDE

Selected

WELCOME

Bert Lowe

\*INTROIT #645

*"Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above" (v.1)*

Schutz, 1675

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Jesus said, "When I am lifted up, I will draw all people to myself."

***Blessed be the God of our salvation who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.***

Let us worship God.

\*HYMN #645

*"Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above" (v.2-4)*

CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us pray for the cleansing of our hearts, confessing our sins to the One whose mercy is everlasting. Let us pray first silently, and then with our Unison prayer of Confession.

SILENT PRAYER

(A time of silence for personal prayer)

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

***Redeeming God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart, and have not loved our neighbors as we ought; we have strayed from your commandments. Do not remember our sins, but forgive our iniquities, that we may fix our eyes on you and sin no more, through Christ our Lord. Amen.***

LORD HAVE MERCY

Kyrie Eleison

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Sisters and brothers, by the faith of Christ, your sins are forgiven. May you delight in the joy of your salvation.

***Thanks be to God.***

\*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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## Proclaiming

ANTHEM

***"Create in Me a Clean Heart"***

Arnold B. Sherman

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE

John 12:20-33

Bibles, p.100/LG. p.130

The Word of the Lord

***Thanks be to God***

HYMN #298

***"Lord, You Give the Great Commission"***

Rowthorn, 1978

SECOND SCRIPTURE

Psalm 84:1-12

Bibles, p.513/LG. p.667

The Word of God, for the People of God

***Thanks be to God***

SERMON

***"Making Christ Your Quest"***

Rev. David Reeder

## Responding

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

***"I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting." Amen.***

— The Apostles' Creed

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

MINISTRY OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Selected

\*DOXOLOGY

\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

## Sending

\*HYMN #331      *“God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand”* (v.1-3)      Roberts, 1876

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*RESPONSE #331      *“God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand”* (v.4)

POSTLUDE      Selected

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

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**This week's prayers and concerns:** Debbie Castro, Syble DeLoach, Jack Gray, Joyce Huggins, Billie Manck, Cindy and Bob Ratliff, Bob Schauwecker, Patsy Snelgrove, Billy Tapley, and Sue Williams.

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sun. 03/25	Palm Sunday/Communion	
Mon. 03/26	Presbyterian Women Meeting	11:30am
Mon. 03/26	Pipeline Deadline	
Thur. 03/29	Maundy Thursday Service	6:00pm
Fri. 03/30	Good Friday	

O LORD  
*of hosts,* HAPPY  
*is everyone who trusts in*  
YOU.



PSALM 84:12

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