

**Order of Worship April 3, 2022
Fifth Sunday in Lent**

Gathering Music

Good Good Father

Verse 1

O I've heard a thousand stories of what they think You're like
But I've heard the tender whisper of love in the dead of night
You tell me that You're pleased and that I'm never alone

Chorus

You're a Good, Good Father, It's who You are, It's who You are, It's who You are
And I'm loved by You, It's who I am, It's who I am, It's who I am

Verse 2

O and I've seen many searching for answers far and wide
But I know we're all searching for answers only You provide
'cause You know just what we need before we say a word. (chorus)

Bridge

You are perfect in all of Your ways
You are perfect in all of Your ways
You are perfect in all of Your ways to us (repeat)

Verse 3

O it's Love so undeniable I can hardly speak
Peace so unexplainable I can hardly think
As You call me deeper still
As You call me deeper still
As You call me deeper still
Into love, love, love. (chorus)

Welcome

Rev. Barbara Macfie

Call To Worship

Liturgist

L: In times of security and times of uncertainty, O Lord, you hear our prayers.

C. Confident in your faithfulness, we will ever praise your name.

L: Through the abundance of your steadfast love you have gathered us into your house.

C. In the holiness of your presence, we bow down to worship and adore you.

Hymn O Lord My God GTG #625

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
consider all the worlds thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
thy power throughout the universe displayed:

Refrain:

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee:
How great thou art! How great thou art!
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How great thou art! How great thou art!

When through the woods and forest glades I wander
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze: [Refrain]

And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
he bled and died to take away my sin: [Refrain]

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!

Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
and there proclaim, "My God, how great thou art!" [Refrain]

PREPARING FOR THE WORD

Call to Confession

Liturgist

Even in our faithlessness, God lives us still and waits in mercy to forgive. Trusting in the promises given at our baptism, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, you promise us a life full of blessing, but we do not always believe. You incite us to hope, but we fall back into fear. You urge us to give freely, but we cling to what we have. You call us to watch at all times for you, but we grow lazy and self-absorbed. Increase our hope, enlarge our hearts, and keep us alert to the wonders of your work in the world every day. For the sake of Jesus we pray. Amen

Words of Forgiveness

Hear the good news! By faith we have been saved, our guilty hearts washed clean. Refreshed, revived, and renewed, empowered by the Holy Spirit, live as people who are forgiven and freed, giving thanks to God.

Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive (BARBARA – instead of Gloria)

“Forgive our sins as we forgive,” you taught us, Lord, to pray.
But you alone can grant us grace to live the words we say.

Hearing the Word

Message for all God's Children

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Prayer of Illumination

Liturgist

Speak to us O Lord, your saving Word; fill us with your Holy Spirit and feed us with the bread of life. Amen

Old Testament Reading:

I Kings 17:8-16

Liturgist

8 Then the word of the Lord came to him: “Go at once to Zarephath in the region of Sidon and stay there. I have directed a widow there to supply you with food.” So, he went to Zarephath. When he came to the town gate, a widow was there gathering sticks. He

called to her and asked, “Would you bring me a little water in a jar so I may have a drink?” As she was going to get it, he called, “And bring me, please, a piece of bread.” “As surely as the Lord your God lives,” she replied, “I don’t have any bread—only a handful of flour in a jar and a little olive oil in a jug. I am gathering a few sticks to take home and make a meal for myself and my son, that we may eat it—and die.”

Elijah said to her, “Don’t be afraid. Go home and do as you have said. But first make a small loaf of bread for me from what you have and bring it to me, and then make something for yourself and your son. For this is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says: ‘The jar of flour will not be used up and the jug of oil will not run dry until the day the Lord sends rain on the land.’”

She went away and did as Elijah had told her. So there was food every day for Elijah and for the woman and her family. For the jar of flour was not used up and the jug of oil did not run dry, in keeping with the word of the Lord spoken by Elijah.

Gospel Reading:

John 12: 1-11

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Six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus lived, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. Here a dinner was given in Jesus’ honor. Martha served, while Lazarus was among those reclining at the table with him. Then Mary took about a pint[a] of pure nard, an expensive perfume; she poured it on Jesus’ feet and wiped his feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But one of his disciples, Judas Iscariot, who was later to betray him, objected, “Why wasn’t this perfume sold and the money given to the poor? It was worth a year’s wages. [b]” He did not say this because he cared about the poor but because he was a thief; as keeper of the money bag, he used to help himself to what was put into it. “Leave her alone,” Jesus replied. “It was intended that she should save this perfume for the day of my burial. You will always have the poor among you, [c] but you will not always have me.”

Meanwhile a large crowd of Jews found out that Jesus was there and came, not only because of him but also to see Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. So, the chief priests made plans to kill Lazarus as well, for on account of him many of the Jews were going over to Jesus and believing in him.

Hymn

Fairest Lord Jesus

GTG #630

Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature,
O thou of God to earth come down,
thee will I cherish, thee will I honor,
thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands,
robed in the blooming garb of spring.
Jesus is fairer; Jesus is purer,
who makes the woeful heart to sing.

Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight,
and all the twinkling, starry host.
Jesus shines brighter; Jesus shines purer,
than all the angels heaven can boast.

Beautiful Savior, Ruler of the nations,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration,
now and forevermore be thine!

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Sermon

“A Gift Of Love”

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Responding to the Word

Affirmation of Faith

Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father, The Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in Glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Invitation to the Offering

Liturgist

God calls us to share what we have, a little bread, a little water, and God uses those simple gifts to bring abundant blessings to the world.

Doxology

GTG #607

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;**

Praise Triune God, whom we adore. AMEN

Offertory Prayer

Liturgist

Thanks and praise to you, O God; by your grace you bring the dead to life. Let us use the breath you have given us to speak your truth and sing your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Anthem Behold The Lamb

(Melissa, Please use graphics (screenshots) from youtube presentation)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LmINgcUigU>

Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away

Slain for us and we remember

The promise made that all who come in faith

Find forgiveness at the cross

So we share in this Bread of Life

And we drink of His sacrifice

As a sign of our bonds of peace

Around the table of the King

The body of our Savior Jesus Christ

Torn for you eat and remember

The wounds that heal the death that brings us life

Paid the price to make us one

So we share in this Bread of Life

And we drink of His sacrifice

As a sign of our bonds of love

Around the table of the King

The blood that cleanses every stain of sin

Shed for you drink and remember

He drained death's cup that all may enter in

To receive the life of God
So we share in this Bread of Life
And we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of grace
Around the table of the King

And so with thankfulness and faith we rise
To respond and to remember
Our call to follow in the steps of Christ
As His body here on earth
As we share in His suffering
We proclaim Christ will come again
And we'll join in the feast of heaven
Around the table of the King

Communion
Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer
Prayer After Communion

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Hymn O Blest Are They Who in Their Love GTG #208
O blest are they who in their love compassion hold for those in need;
for they shall find, when faced by foes, the Lord is their defense indeed.

When all the evils earth can dream are cast on me, my faith to break,
Their rage I temper through God's grace and bear them boldly for God's sake.

The hands which shared my broken bread, my love with their deceit repaid;
And friends whose trust I counted mine have left me wounded and betrayed.

To me, O Lord, in mercy turn; your favor, my most treasured prize;

My mouth shall sing redemption's song, and tears of love wash clean my eyes.

Benediction

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Postlude