

Fifth Sunday of Lent - April 6, 2025

Congregational responses are in bold.

(*) Indicates Standing

People must not only hear about the kingdom of God, but must see it in actual operation on a small scale perhaps and in imperfect form, but a real demonstration nevertheless.

-Pandita Ramabai

We Come Together

Prelude... *(this is an opportunity for us to appreciate the gift of music and prepare our hearts for worship)*

***Introit** "Throughout These Lenten Days..." v.1 **VU#108**

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Announcements

Call to Worship: *(on screens)*

***Hymn:** Let There Be Light **VU#679**

Opening Prayer: *(unison)*

**God of love,
We give you thanks
for the many paths
we have chosen to travel.
Help us remember
that whatever direction
we set
you will be with us.
Amen.**

Personal Prayer "And When You Call for Me" x2 **MV#96**

The Lord's Prayer

Children's Learning Time

Children's Prayer:

**We are so glad that you want to know us God.
You show us how much in the smell of the flowers
and the wind in our faces.
We know that we can trust you.**

**We are glad that we have your church to help us learn
more about you and about Jesus.**

Amen.

***Hymn:** Giver of the Perfect Gift **VU#116**

We Listen to the Word

Prayer of Illumination

Introduction to Scripture

Scripture Lesson:

Psalm: Psalm 126 (VU p. 850)
Those who sow in tears, reap with joy.

Gospel: John 12:1–8
Mary anoints Jesus with costly ointment.

Response (*seated*): “May God’s Sheltering Wings” x2 **MV#214**

Sermon: “Open Hearts”

Anthem:

Prayers of the People

***Hymn:** A Prophet Woman Broke a Jar **VU#590**

We Respond to the Word

Invitation to the Offering

***Sung Dedication:**
“In Gratitude and Humble Trust” **VU#544**

***Offertory Prayer:** (*unison*)
We offer our gifts this day with gratitude.

Through them,
may hope come to those who know despair,
may love come to those who feel alone,
may healing come to those who endure pain.

**May these gifts be a sign of our commitment
to serve you in the world. Amen.**

***Hymn:** When We Are Tempted to Deny Your Son **VU#119**

***Blessing:** My sisters and brothers:
go forth into a world
that is beloved by God.
Bless it with your compassion.
Renew it with hope.
In every step you take
may you feel anew
the peace of Christ,
the promise of the Spirit,
and the presence of God.
Amen.

***Extinguishing our Lenten light:**
"Today you will be with me in paradise."

***Choral Benediction** "God, as We Rise to Leave" v.1 **VU#417**

Postlude

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Volunteer Schedule:

Ushers:	April 6	Sue R. & John B.	April 13	Ellen & David
Screens:	April 6	Erik	April 13	Tracy
			April 20	Kevin

This Week's Calendar			
Mon	11:30am	Pastoral Care	Memorial Room
Tues	10:00am	Craft Group	Kitchen
	11:30am	UCW Meeting	Memorial Room
Wed	7:00pm	Choir Practice	Sanctuary
Fri	5:30am	Indoor Yard Sale	Church Hall
Sat	8:00am	Indoor Yard Sale	Church Hall

*Tai Chi is offered on Mon, Wed & Fri *

UCW Meeting: Please note UCW has a regularly scheduled meeting on April 8th at 11:30am in the memorial room.

Lunch with Friends: Thurs., April 17th @ noon. Sign up at the back of the church or in the office until Mar 17th at 12pm. Cost is \$7.00

Menu: pizza, plus dessert, tea and coffee. **Program:** boardgames & conversation