



*"Encouraging faith and proclaiming God's love by Gathering, Growing and Giving."*

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

*Service of the Word*

March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023

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*NOTE: **Bold text** indicates worshippers' response, and \*' means please stand as able.*

PRELUDE

Michelle Young

WELCOME/MINISTRY MOMENT

### GATHERING

\* #410 GATHERING HYMN "We Give Thee but Thine Own"

1 We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be;  
2 May we thy boun - ties thus as stew - ards true re - ceive,  
3 The cap - tive to re - lease, to God the lost to bring,  
4 And we be - lieve thy word, though dim our faith may be:

all that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.  
and glad - ly, as thou bless - est us, to thee our first - fruits give.  
to teach the way of life and peace—it is a Christ-like thing.  
what - e'er we do for thine, O Lord, we do it un - to thee.

Text: William W. How, 1823–1897, alt.  
Music: HEATH, L. Mason and G. Webb, *Cantica Lauda*, 1850

\* P: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ , the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

\* CALL TO WORSHIP (*Please respond with **bold text***)

Let us rejoice in God. **Let us sing with all creation.**

God rules the earth with justice, **And calls us to do justice for others.** <sup>1</sup>

\* KYRIE In peace let us pray to the Lord. **Lord have mercy.**

For the peace from above, and for all salvation, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord have mercy.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of Christ, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord have mercy.**

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord have mercy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **Amen.**



☒ Sal-va-tion be-longs to our God and to Christ the Lamb for-ev-er and ev - er.



☐ Great and won-der-ful are your deeds, O God of the u-ni-verse;



just and true are your ways, O Rul - er of all the na-tions.



Who can fail to hon-or you, Lord, and sing the glo-ry of your name?



☒ Sal-va-tion be-longs to our God and to Christ the Lamb for-ev-er and ev - er.



☐ For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One. All



na - tions will draw near and wor - ship be - fore you,



for your just and ho - ly works have been re - vealed.



☒ Sal-va-tion be-longs to our God and to Christ the Lamb for-ev-er and ev - er.

\* P: The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

\* PRAYER OF THE DAY Let us pray. Loving God, **you live in each and everyone one of us. Help us to see you in the face of all people, that we might act in justice and mercy to all in need, in Jesus name. Amen.**<sup>1</sup>

### GROWING

Please join me reading the verses 7 through 9 of Psalm 98:

**<sup>7</sup> Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who live in it. <sup>8</sup> Let the floods clap their hands; let the hills sing together for joy <sup>9</sup> at the presence of the Lord, for he is coming to judge the earth. He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.**

*Merely days away from his arrest, imprisonment, beating, and death, Jesus shares an important lesson for all believers of all times...judgement will come. And how will we be judged? Jesus tells us, "whatever we do to the least of these, we do to Jesus." Yes, our sins of commission or omission, as well as the good we say or do...they ALL impact Jesus...the judge of all creation. THE HOLY GOSPEL according to Matthew the 25<sup>th</sup> chapter **Glory to you, O Lord.***

JESUS: "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand,

KING: 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.'

JESUS: Then the righteous will answer him,

**RIGHTEOUS/ALL: 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?'**

JESUS: And the king will answer them,

KING: 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.'

JESUS: Then he will say to those at his left hand,

KING: 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.'

JESUS: Then they also will answer,

**ACCURSED/ALL: 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?'**

JESUS: Then he will answer them,

KING: 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.'

JESUS: And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

The Gospel of the Lord **All: Praise to you O Christ.**

HYMN OF THE DAY "Will You Let Me Be Your Servant"



1 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as  
 2 We are pil - grims on a jour - ney, we are trav - 'lers  
 3 I will hold the Christ - light for you in the night - time  
 4 I will weep when you are weep - ing; when you laugh I'll  
 5 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as



Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to  
 on the road; we are here to help each oth - er  
 of your fear; I will hold my hand out to you,  
 laugh with you. I will share your joy and sor - row  
 Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to



let you be my ser - vant, too.  
 walk the mile and bear the load.  
 speak the peace you long to hear.  
 till we've seen this jour - ney through.  
 let you be my ser - vant, too.

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\*THE APOSTLES' CREED (*professed together*)

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell.\* On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic\*\* Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen**

\*Or, He descended to the dead. \*\* universal

*The OFFERING PLATE is located at the entrance of the church sanctuary.*

\* OFFERING PRAYER God of justice, **so many are hungry, naked, sick, and imprisoned. Give us hearts to respond generously to the needs of others, and make us aware that in so doing, we are caring for you. We offer these gifts to your work of justice and equity in the world. Accept them, we pray. Amen<sup>1</sup>**

PRAYERS AND PETITIONS (L: Merciful God, **All: hear our prayer.**)

\* LORD'S PRAYERS **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen**

\* ANNOUNCEMENTS/BLESSING

\*SENDING HYMN "*The Lord Now Sends Us Forth*" SING 2 times through



En - via - do soy de Dios, mi ma - no lis - ta es - tá  
The Lord now sends us forth with hands to serve and give,  
pa - ra cons - truir con él un mun - do fra - ter - nal.  
to make of all the earth a bet - ter place to live.  
Los án - ge - les no son en - via - dos a cam - biar  
The an - gels are not sent in - to our world of pain  
un mun - do de do - lor por un mun - do me - jor;  
to do what we were meant to do in Je - sus' name;  
me ha to - ca - do a mí ha - cer - lo rea - li - dad.  
that falls to you and me and all who are made free.  
A - yú - da - me, Se - ñor, a ha - cer tu vo - lun - tad.  
Help us, O Lord, we pray, to do your will to - day.

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SENDING LITANY/DISMISSAL

Our God is in all things and all people. **Do we see Jesus' face when we look at our neighbors?**  
Do we acknowledge the injustice in our systems, and see Jesus in the faces of the oppressed?  
**Or do we judge them and find them to be at fault for what happens to them?**  
Judgment belongs to God alone. **Have mercy on us, O God.**  
Let us see the face of Jesus in our neighbors, **And work tirelessly for their good.**  
Go now and share Jesus' love with others. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Michelle Young

THIS WEEK AS A CHURCH...IN/OUTSIDE the BUILDING

<b>TODAY</b>	<b>8:45am</b>	- <b>Sunday School Classes</b>
	<b>10:00am</b>	- <b>Worship</b>
	<b>11:00am</b>	- <b>Fellowship</b>
	<b>1-5pm</b>	- <b>We serve at <i>The Community Table</i></b> 320 Putnam St <b>Please park in the back of the building.</b>
	<b>1:30-3:30pm</b>	- <b>Grief Share at Trinity United Methodist Church</b>
MONDAY	6pm	- Council Orientation (in church library)
	6:30pm	- Church Council Meeting (in church library)
	7pm	- AA
TUESDAY	4-6pm	- Food Pantry
WEDNESDAY	6pm	- Soup Supper
	7pm	- Holden Evening Worship
FRIDAY:	10am-Noon	- Food Pantry
SUNDAY:	8:45am	- Sunday School Classes
	10:00am	- Palm Sunday Worship/ <u>SS Kids</u> sing and parade into church
	1:30-3:30pm	- FINAL Grief Share at Trinity United Methodist Church

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FINAL 6pm SOUP SUPPER THIS WEDNESDAY, followed by 7pm HOLDEN EVENING PRAYER SERVICE.

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP: 4/2 Palm Sunday 10am; 4/6 Maundy Thursday 7pm; 4/7 Good Friday 3pm & 7pm

BLOOD DRIVE **Friday, 4/7/23 Noon to 6pm HERE** Lots of openings for appointments call 1-800-733-2767 or go to [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) and enter Elk Mound. Give and save lives...and a Peanuts "Joe Cool" t-shirts (*as long as supplies last*)

LUTHER PARK BIBLE CAMP **Summer staff applications** are being accepted now. Most staff are college age or older. Please go to <http://lutherpark.org/> for details. We need to hire about 30 staff people. Please contact **Dick Iverson**, Interim Camp Executive Director at **(608) 792-6875**

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