

8:45 A.M. ORDER OF WORSHIP

March 21, 2021

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

(Please follow the ushers' direction on seating. We will maintain at least 6 feet between individuals unless you come as a family who live together.)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE: from Choral no. 1 – C. Franck

P. We prepare our hearts and minds for worship, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C. Amen.

CONFESSION:

P. Dear God, we have loved you, but not enough.

C. We have sought you, but not diligently.

P. We have seen, but not perceived.

C. We have heard, but not understood.

P. We have hoped for heavenly things.

C. But have clung to things of this earth.

P. Our hearts have been far from you, O Holy One.

C. Draw us now, in mercy, unto yourself, O God.

P. That the time to come may not be as the past.

C. That perceiving and loving you, we may find Joy in your service.

AMEN

P. The Lord Jesus loves us and continues to give Himself for us. He has died for us. He lives for us. He gives us life, free of any charge. We are forgiven and free, just as God created us to be.

C. AMEN

GATHERING HYMN: “We Plow the Fields and Scatter”

1 We plow the fields and scatter
the good seed on the land,
but it is fed and watered
by God's almighty hand,
who sends the snow in winter,
the warmth to swell the grain,
the breezes and the sunshine,
and soft refreshing rain.

Refrain

All good gifts around us
are sent from heav'n above.
We thank you, Lord,
we thank you, Lord,
for all your love.

- 2 You only are the maker
of all things near and far.
You paint the wayside flower,
you light the evening star.
The winds and waves obey you,
by you the birds are fed;
much more to us, your children,
you give our daily bread. *Refrain*
- 3 We thank you, our creator,
for all things bright and good,
the seedtime and the harvest,
our life, our health, our food.
No gifts have we to offer
for all your love imparts,
but what you most would treasure—
our humble, thankful hearts. *Refrain*

Text: Matthias Claudius, 1740-1815; tr. Jane M. Campbell, 1817-1878, alt.

APOSTOLIC GREETING:

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

Holy Spirit, in your presence every ending is a new beginning. Let us learn what that means. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

BIBLE READINGS

SERMON: "Facing Fear"

Pastor Larry Isbell

HYMN OF THE DAY: "For the Fruit of All Creation"

- 1 For the fruit of all creation,
thanks be to God.
For these gifts to ev'ry nation,
thanks be to God.
For the plowing, sowing, reaping,
silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safekeeping,
thanks be to God.

- 2 In the just reward of labor,
 God's will is done.
 In the help we give our neighbor,
 God's will is done.
 In our worldwide task of caring
 for the hungry and despairing,
 in the harvests we are sharing,
 God's will is done.
- 3 For the harvests of the Spirit,
 thanks be to God.
 For the good we all inherit,
 thanks be to God.
 For the wonders that astound us,
 for the truths that still confound us,
 most of all, that love has found us,
 thanks be to God.

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APOSTLES' CREED:

**C: 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**

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH:

(At the end of each petition, the leader will say "Lord, in your mercy." Feel free to respond with "Hear our prayer.")

THE LORD'S PRAYER:

**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,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

BENEDICTION:

P. Now may God, who has loved us with a love beyond all telling, send us forth to care for the world around us and to share the good news of that love, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C. Amen.

SENDING HYMN: "On What Has Now Been Sown"

- 1 On what has now been sown
your blessing, Lord, bestow;
the pow'r is yours alone
to make it sprout and grow.
O Lord, in grace the harvest raise,
and yours alone shall be the praise!
- 2 To you our wants are known,
from you are all our pow'rs;
accept what is your own
and pardon what is ours.
Our praises, Lord, and prayers receive
and to your word a blessing give.
- 3 Oh, grant that each of us,
now met before you here,
may meet together thus
when you and yours appear,
and follow you to heav'n, our home.
E'en so, Amen! Lord Jesus, come!

Text: John Newton, 1725-1807, alt

DISMISSAL:

P. Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

C. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE: “Toccatà in d” – J. S. Bach

**Today’s altar flowers and eternal candle were given by Bill & Ann Haas in honor of their 35th wedding anniversary.
Last week’s eternal candle was given by Pat McChesney in honor of her brother John’s 80th birthday.**

*(Please exit row by row, beginning with the back.
Talk to others from a distance in the parking lot.)*