

March 17, 2024 | 10:00am

Fifth Sunday of Lent

PRELUDE | *Be Thou My Vision* by Craig Phillips | Susan Carroll, organ

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS | Rev. Erica Thompson

*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP AND INVOCATION | Rev. Nina Schmid

One: Why are you here?

All: I am seeking God with my whole heart, with my entire mind,

with a fire burning in my bones.

One: I see it! You're in the right place! This is God's house. The door is open to you.

All: Why are you here?

One: I am seeking God with my whole heart, with my entire mind, with a fire burning in my bones. All: We see that in you! You're in the right place. This is God's house. The door is open to you.

One: Let us worship God.

All: Let us learn from the Spirit. Amen!

*OPENING HYMN #407 | Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

*PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM | David Gallegos son of Elise and Connor Gallegos

GIFT OF MUSIC | Children of the Heavenly Father by Marie Pooler | AHCC Sanctuary Choir Children of the heavenly Father, safely in His bosom gather; Nestling bird nor star in heaven, such a refuge e'er was given. God His own doth tend a nourish; In His holy courts they flourish. From all evil things He spares them, in His mighty arms He bears them. Neither life nor death shall ever from the Lord His children sever; Unto them His grace He showeth and their sorrows all He knoweth. Though He giveth or He taketh, God His children ne'er forsaketh; His the loving purpose solely to preserve them pure and holy.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER | Rev. Nina Schmid

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. Amen.

TO KNOW AND BE KNOWN | *Jose Luis Echeverria*

OFFERTORY | Come Now and Follow Me by Don Besig & Nancy Price | AHCC Sanctuary Choir High above the trees I can feel the gentle breeze; it's calling, "Come, follow me." In the morning light I can watch the birds in flight; they seem to say, "Follow me." All the world around me seems to call my name; there is wonder in all I can see. Everywhere I go there's a place I think I know; I hear it clear as can be: "I'll be your guide, follow me." I am all alone; you've been traveling on your own. Why don't you come, follow me? We can make it through; there's so much that we can do, if you will come, follow me. We will seek our fortunes, we will chase our dreams, and hold fast to all we believe! Now we're on our way; don't look back at yesterday, this is our time to be free. Come, take my hand, follow me.

*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

SCRIPTURE | *Matthew* 18:15-22

SERMON | *Teach Me* | *Rev. Erica Thompson*

CLOSING HYMN | Love Your Neighbor and Forgive | Words by Anna Strickland, 2023 Music by Richard Redhead, 1853

BENEDICTION

Beloved wanderer, as you leave this place, may you carry your curious heart on your sleeve. May you look for God in every face. May you find the courage to get out of the boat, to run to the tomb, and to speak of your faith. And when the world falls apart, may you hear God's voice deep within, saying, "Take heart, it is I, be not afraid." You are called. You are blessed. In both your ups and your downs, you always belong to God. Go now in peace. Go trusting that good news. Amen.

POSTLUDE | Sonata No. 2: Allegro by Felix Mendelssohn | Susan Carroll, organ

*Please rise on your feet or in your heart.



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