

## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

11:00 A.M. March 13, 2016

The Fifth Sunday of Lent

### ORDER OF WORSHIP

Let us prepare for worship by praying,  
meditating and listening to the organ prelude.

The Ringing of the Church Bell

The Prelude

The Welcome and Concerns of the Church

The Choral Introit

### THE GATHERING

\*The Call to Worship

Leader: God's Spirit is moving among us; give thanks!  
Our God is about to do a new thing in our midst.

**People: How good it is to be chosen by God; we gather to sing  
our praises and thanks.**

Leader: Now God is pointing us toward new goals.

**People: We are waiting to hear what God would have us do;**

Leader: Into the wilderness of our lives comes living water.  
Into the sorrow of our days comes reasons for joy.

**People: Forgetting what lies behind, we greet our future; we press  
on through Christ.**

\*The Hymn No. 100

"All Creatures of our God and King"

\*The Prayer of Confession

**O God, how much easier it is to criticize others than to see our own faults. We seldom look beyond our own interest to the well-being of others. We see the wasteful acts of other people, but not our own selfish habits. We exaggerate the contributions we make but ignore the sacrifices of others. We get so distracted by our own agendas that we do not hear your calling to us. In other words, O God, we lose the essence of our souls. We need forgiveness. We need your mercy.**

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\*Assurance of Pardon

Leader: God summons us to return and welcomes us with joy. We are restored to full communion with the saints and are united in the heavenly call of Christ.

**People: Together we find our horizons expanded and our priorities refined.**

Leader: God forgives us and sets before us once more the promise of fullness of life. Embrace God's pardon with renewed faith and joy.

**People: Thanks be to God! Amen.**

## THE WORD

The Children's Time

The Choral Anthem

The Prayer of Illumination

The Old Testament Lesson

Psalm 119:9-16

The New Testament Lesson

John 12:1-8

The Sermon

**"The Scent of a Rose"**

## OUR RESPONSE TO THE WORD

The Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

The Choral Response

\*The Affirmation of Faith:

Phillippians 2:6-11

*We believe in Jesus Christ, who being in the very nature of God, did not consider the equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death – even death on the cross! Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ in Lord, to the glory of God the Father.*

\*The Gloria Patri

The Bringing of the Tithes, Offerings and Gifts

The Offertory

\*The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

\*The Hymn No. 310

**"Take My Life, and Let it Be Consecrated"**

**\*The Charge and Benediction**

Congregation Response

*Dance, then, wherever you may be; I am the Lord of the Dance said  
He, and I'll Lead you all, wherever you may be, and I'll lead you all in  
Dance, said He.*