

Fifth Sunday in Lent
Theme — Depths of Love: God Draws Near

Sunday, March 17, 2024



GATHERING

Prelude: “Beneath the Cross” setting Jason Payne

Greeting and Welcome to Worship

Call to Worship

Leader: Lenten travelers, how long have we traveled this road with our gaze pointed down at the dust and gravel and asphalt as we walk or limp or roll down the path?

People: Sometimes it is easier to look at the road than at the people who share the journey with us.

Leader: Lift up your heads! Look, listen, reach out a hand. Who are our neighbors on this road?

People: We lift our heads and look to our Savior who journeys with us and helps us notice our neighbors all around us.

Leader: This is the Lenten journey—to learn to love God and love our neighbors just as Jesus showed us.

People: Our journey teaches us to lose our lives to God as we find and follow Christ in our service to others.

Leader: Come, let us worship God who caravans with us on this road to the cross.

People: Come, let us worship! AMEN

*Hymn: #434 “Restore in Us, O God”

* Prayer of the Day

Patient God, try as we might, we cannot comprehend fully Lord all that is ahead. We know Easter is coming soon and while we anxiously wait to celebrate

your triumphant victory over sin and death, there are still difficult days between now and then.

Try as we might, we cannot comprehend a sacrifice so cruel, a love and mercy so great as this. There is nothing perfect about us, yet you beckon us with hands that soon will be scarred by betrayal, greed, selfishness, pettiness, pride, and apathy. You see us and surely the overwhelming imperfections of our world with judgment and challenge yet with compassionate and patient eyes. Have mercy on us.

As we struggle to rid our lives of all worldly things that distort, distract, and entangle us, come to our aid. As the cross looms ahead, direct our eyes and our focus on you and you alone for our redemption and salvation, even as we pray that for the redemption of our world, “Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. . . AMEN

Assurance of Pardon - #444 “Forgive Our Sins As We Forgive” (vs.3)
“In blazing light your cross reveals the truth we dimly knew: what trivial debts are owed to us, how great our debt to you!”

PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD

Anthem: “O God, You Search Me” (GTG #29)

Scripture: Jeremiah 31:31-34, Hebrews 5:5-10, and John 12:20-33

Sermon: “Sourcing It Out”

*Hymn: #79 “Light Dawns in a Weary World

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Prayer of Thanksgiving

God of the Ages, we share our offerings this day with gratitude, yet acknowledging that much of the time we cling to what we have for ourselves. At

times we are afraid we might lose something we need and afraid somehow there won't be enough to live our lives. When scarcity takes over, it robs us of the joy you intend for our days. Remind us that Jesus calls us to let go of this life so that we might claim the abundance of life eternal. In our Redeemer's name, help us to let go. AMEN

Announcements and Sharing Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

*Hymn: #264 "At the Name of Jesus"

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude: "He Never Said a Mumblin' Word" Anna Laura Page

The End of Worship
The Beginning of Service

*Those who wish may stand

Rev. James Shuler, Interim Pastor
Mrs. Dianne Yuninger, Organist/Choir Director

Prayers of the Congregation

Prayer Person this week: Geraldine Hess

The Sanctuary Flowers are in Loving Memory of Lewis Bryson
Husband, Father and Grandfather on your birthday.
We miss you and we thank God for all our Wonderful Memories.
Given by your wife Ruth and your family.

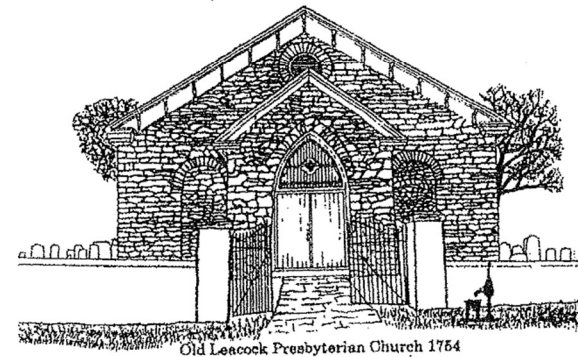
Announcements

Tonight's **Lenten Study** is "I Am the Good Shepherd." Join us at 5:30pm in the Fellowship Hall for soup and bread with study time following.

There is a special **Trustee/Session Meeting** tomorrow (Monday) evening at 7 p.m.

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