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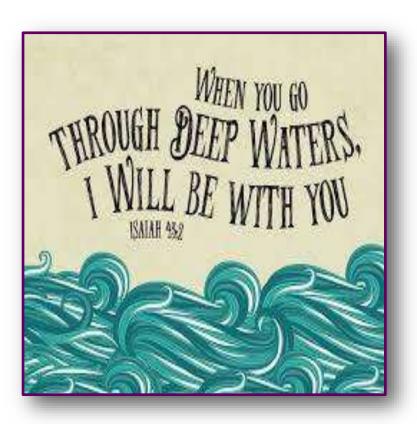
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8:30 AM WORSHIP SERVICE



April 7, 2019



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Fifth Sunday in Lent

Gathering

INTROIT A New Hallelujah

WELCOMING OUR GUESTS

PRAISE SONGS Mighty to Save

> Breathe Above All

SHARING GOD'S PEACE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Prayers of Intercession and Thanksgiving

Sharing and Responding to God's Word

SONG OF ILLUMINATION Come Just As You Are

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NOURISHED BY WORDS OF GRACE: **SERMON**

"I thirst."

OFFERING Jesus Paid It All

Were You There COMMUNION

FINAL BLESSING God Is So Good

*CLOSING Detour



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ORDER OF WORSHIP

April 7, 2019

10:30 AM

Fifth Sunday in Lent

CENTERING WORDS

Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.

---Isaiah 43:18-19

PRELUDE

I Love You Lord

Thy Lovingkindness

Laurie Klein

CHORAL INTROIT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

O God, you are my God, I seek you, my soul thirsts for you;

So I will bless you as long as I live;

So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory.

Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you.

I will lift up my hands and call on your name.

Let Us Break Bread Together

No. 618

WELCOMING OUR GUESTS

OPENING PRAYER

*OPENING HYMN

Lead us, Lord, in this time of worship. Make our paths straight and your presence clear that we might heed your invitation to find joy in the wilderness. Guide us with renewed hope, that we may perceive the signs of life that spring forth from your creative love. With joy-filled trust, we pray. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Carolyn Russell

Jesus Loves Me (as children come and go) Nursery care is available Children ages K-6 are dismissed with their teachers at this time.

A TIME OF MEDITATION AND PRAYER

Choral Call to Prayer TFWS #2077 You Alone Are Holy

Pastoral Prayer/Lord's Prayer

Choral Response You Alone Are Holy TFWS #2077

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> Isaiah 55:1a. 6-9 John 19:28-29

HYMN (remain seated) You Who Are Thirsty TFWS #2132

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"I Thirst."

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---John 19:28

OFFERING

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory The Longer I Serve Him William Gaither

*Doxology / Prayer of Dedication

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

CHORAL ANTHEM All Are Welcome at the Table Mary McDonald

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

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TFWS #2218

Communion Music One Bread, One Body

John B. Foley SJ/arr. Mark Hayes

*CLOSING HYMN You Are Mine

*BENEDICTION

God leads us into a new day on a new path. We look ahead and see a new way.

Christ travels this road with us.

We go on this journey with Christ. God is doing great things for us.

We go forth, rejoicing with hope.



*BENEDICTION RESPONSE Thy Lovingkindness

> Thy lovingkindness is better than life. Thy lovingkindness is better than life. My lips shall praise Thee, thus will I bless Thee, I will lift up my hands unto the Lord.

POSTLUDE My Faith Has Found a Resting Place (Norwegian Folk Melody) arr. Tom Fettke

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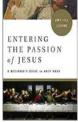
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